

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY  
SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and expresses appreciation for the service and character building that the organization has provided through its dedication to the youth of Utah.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

WHEREAS, in 1909 a Chicago publisher named William Boyce became lost in a London fog and found his way out of it with the aid of a young boy, and when he tried to pay the boy a schilling for his help, the boy replied that a Scout doesn't take payment for "doing a good turn";

WHEREAS, Boyce, who had never heard of Scouts, was so intrigued that he learned all about the British program and when he returned to America he helped create the Boys Scouts



28 of America (BSA);

29 WHEREAS, founded as an outlet to prepare eligible youth in America to become  
30 participating citizens and leaders, the BSA has more than fulfilled its mission;

31 WHEREAS, since its founding, the Boy Scouts of America has been at the forefront of  
32 instilling timeless values in youth;

33 WHEREAS, today, the Boy Scouts of America is the largest youth service organization  
34 in America, with nearly 3 million members learning responsible citizenship, character  
35 development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities,  
36 educational programs, and career-oriented programs in partnership with community  
37 organizations;

38 WHEREAS, the 100th Anniversary is the nucleus around which the BSA can rally to  
39 strengthen scouting in every town and city throughout the nation;

40 WHEREAS, this national youth movement has made serving others through its  
41 values-based program its mission;

42 WHEREAS, scouting in Utah is served by the Trapper Trails Council, headquartered in  
43 Ogden, serving youth from Logan to Kaysville; the Great Salt Lake Council, headquartered in  
44 Salt Lake City, serving youth from Kaysville to Herriman; and the Utah National Parks  
45 Council, headquartered in Orem, serving youth from Lehi to St. George;

46 WHEREAS, the BSA's purpose is simple: to build the character and integrity of  
47 America's youth and prepare them to become responsible adults who are leaders and who  
48 participate in society according to the Scout Oath and Law;

49 WHEREAS, the mission of the BSA is to prepare youth to make ethical and moral  
50 choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law;

51 WHEREAS, the Oath and Law are founded on trustworthiness, loyalty, bravery, and on  
52 values that put community and family first;

53 WHEREAS, the Scout Oath teaches duty to God, country, and self;

54 WHEREAS, the twelve points of the Scout Law, trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,  
55 courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent, describe how to live a  
56 life of honor;

57 WHEREAS, this familiar list is more than just the description of a Scout -- it is the  
58 epitome of a volunteer;

59 WHEREAS, the Scout Slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily," stems from how American  
60 Scouting came to be and continues to be centric to the overall program because it gives every  
61 Scout a chance to serve others;

62 WHEREAS, the BSA celebrates this legacy as it reaffirms its commitment to inspire  
63 and prepare future generations of leaders;

64 WHEREAS, scouting has brought families and communities together for 100 years to  
65 prepare America's youth to live, work, and play with character and integrity;

66 WHEREAS, scouting is as vital and relevant today as it was when it was originally  
67 founded;

68 WHEREAS, the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the BSA is a once-in-a-lifetime  
69 opportunity to raise awareness of the value of scouting and engage more youth and volunteers  
70 in scouting activities;

71 WHEREAS, in 2006, the BSA conducted a study on the values of Americans -- a Study  
72 of Ethics and Character -- which showed that scouting continues to make a positive impact on  
73 the lives of youth;

74 WHEREAS, Scouts show higher self confidence, leadership skills, and a greater  
75 interest in helping others than youth who are not Scouts;

76 WHEREAS, today, more than ever, America needs volunteers to address the issues  
77 youth and families face today, such as hunger, inadequate shelter, and poor health, by  
78 developing a strong sense of personal mission and purpose, and showing a great interest in  
79 helping others;

80 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is committed to helping millions of youth  
81 succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live a happy and  
82 fulfilling life;

83 WHEREAS, Utah's three Boy Scout Councils, consisting of 14,794 scout units, are  
84 celebrating Scouting's 100th anniversary with the theme "Celebrating the Adventure,  
85 Continuing the Journey"; and

86 WHEREAS, in Utah, more than 91,000 volunteer leaders help make scouting  
87 adventures possible for more than 197,000 youth members who participate in the scouting  
88 program;

89 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the

90 Governor concurring therein, recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America  
91 and express their appreciation for the service and character-building that the organization has  
92 provided through its dedication to the youth of Utah.

93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Boy Scouts  
94 of America, the Trapper Trails Council, the Great Salt Lake Council, and the Utah National  
95 Parks Council.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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