

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH**
2 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA**

3 2012 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Rebecca Chavez-Houck**

6 Senate Sponsor: Luz Robles

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the 100th
11 Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA and expresses
15 appreciation for the leadership, self-esteem, and character building the organization
16 provides through its dedicated service to the girls and women of Utah.

17 **Special Clauses:**

18 None

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

21 WHEREAS, on March 12, 1912, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from
22 Savannah, Georgia for the first Girl Scout meeting;

23 WHEREAS, Juliette believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop
24 physically, mentally, and spiritually;

25 WHEREAS, since that time, Girl Scouts of the USA has become a recognized leader in
26 innovative development programs for girls and young women;

27 WHEREAS, since 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA has been helping girls build courage,



28 confidence, and character while developing skills that serve the common good;

29 WHEREAS, through Girl Scouting, girls discover their strengths as they explore their
30 world, connect with others to understand the needs of their community, and take action to make
31 the world a better place;

32 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2012, Girl Scouts of the USA will celebrate a legacy of 100
33 years of leadership, and has many exciting events planned to reflect Girl Scouts as the voice of
34 and for girls;

35 WHEREAS, the advent of this important milestone provides a unique opportunity to
36 not only reflect on the tremendous contributions the Girl Scouts of the USA have made over
37 the past 100 years, but also to rally support for the next century of Girl Scouting, both
38 nationwide and here in Utah;

39 WHEREAS, today, the Girl Scouts of the USA is the largest girl-serving organization
40 in the United States with 2.3 million girl members, 880,000 adult volunteers, 50 million
41 alumnae, and 112 councils nationwide;

42 WHEREAS, the rich diversity of our country is reflected in the multi-cultural mosaic of
43 Girl Scout membership;

44 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts are in schools, churches, temples, mosques, public housing,
45 foster homes, and detention centers;

46 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts are urban, suburban, rural and in virtually every zip code;

47 WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts organization believes that one girl makes a difference, but
48 together girls are changing the world;

49 WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the USA boldly declared 2012 as the Year of the Girl
50 and renews its commitment to the education and well-being of today's girls;

51 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts urge the citizens of the state of Utah to help every girl of this
52 generation to reach her full potential wherever she lives, whatever challenges face her, and
53 however great the journey;

54 WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the USA urges the citizens of Utah to help close critical
55 gaps for girls in education, confidence, leadership, and to invest in girls today;

56 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is open to all girls grades K-12, and a girl's experience can be
57 tailored to her unique interests;

58 WHEREAS, every Girl Scout adventure is designed to nurture each girl and encourage

59 personal growth through cutting-edge initiatives in environmental awareness and advocacy;
60 health and wellness; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); creative arts;
61 financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and leadership development;

62 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Utah serves the entire state with membership near 8,500
63 girls and 3,500 adult volunteers;

64 WHEREAS, local Girl Scouts provide more than 500,000 hours of service annually and
65 are a vital part of Utah communities;

66 WHEREAS, the official mission of Girl Scouts of Utah is to build girls of courage,
67 confidence, and character who make the world a better place;

68 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Utah provides a unique experience where a girl finds
69 courage by pushing past her perceived limitations to reach for her dreams, finds confidence by
70 discovering her strengths in a fun, girl-only, supportive environment, and where her character
71 is shaped by learning values that strengthen herself, her community, and her world;

72 WHEREAS, Girl Scout alumnae are living proof of their impact, as demonstrated by
73 the fact that 80% of women business owners, 69% of female United States senators, 67% of
74 female members of the House of Representatives, and virtually every female astronaut who has
75 flown in space, was a Girl Scout;

76 WHEREAS, for 100 years, Girl Scouts of the USA has done more than any other
77 organization to provide leadership opportunities for girls; and

78 WHEREAS, the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Girl Scouts of the USA is a
79 once-in-a-lifetime opportunity:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
81 Governor concurring therein, recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA,
82 and express appreciation for the leadership, self-esteem, and character building the
83 organization provides through its dedicated service to the girls and women of Utah.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Girl Scouts
85 of the USA and the Girl Scouts of Utah Council.

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