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A CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATION
2012 GIRL SCOUT *YEAR OF THE GIRL*
IN THE OF [JURISDICTION]
This [Day, Month, Year]

To recognize the Girl Scout movement for building girls of courage, confidence and character since 1912; by expanding leadership opportunities for girls, delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls in every community, and developing a national agenda to elevate the importance of girls. On the occasion of Girl Scouts 100th anniversary, we proclaim the period from [Insert dates or suggest March 12, 2012 through March 13, 2013]: Girl Scout *Year of the Girl*.

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the United States was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low to give girls the opportunity to develop physically, mentally and spiritually, and today is the preeminent authority on girl leadership development, and throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouts has in an accepting and nurturing environment inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of service.

WHEREAS, while one in ten girls participates in Girls Scouting in the USA, over 80 percent of women business owners were Girl Scouts; 68 percent of female legislators were Girl Scouts and virtually every female astronaut who has flown in space was a Girl Scouts.

WHEREAS, the Girls Scouts of the United States continues to inspire Girl Scouts to possess the strongest commitment to social action, community service, entrepreneurial capability and environmental stewardship; providing over 75 million hours annually of direct service to their communities through girl-led projects that have a lasting impact.

WHEREAS, the Girls Scouts of the United States membership has grown from 18 members in Savannah, Georgia in 1912, to 3.3 million members throughout the United States, of which 90,000 reside in the Greater Washington Region and are members of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital.

WHEREAS, The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital serves a diverse community of girls in the District of Columbia and 25 counties in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia; including **[city, state]**. And, helps girls achieve success in the real world through partnerships with dedicated adult volunteers;

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital takes an active role in providing girls with opportunities to explore science, technology engineering , math, sports, government, financial literacy and other fields to broaden their horizons. And, in an inclusive environment with compelling experiential programs and troop activities, allows girls to practice leadership styles, develop a strong sense of self, connect with other girls and their communities, and take action to advocate for themselves and others, locally and globally, thereby establishing a lifetime of active citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I **[name of official: title--governor, mayor, etc.]**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by **[name of state, municipality]**, do hereby recognize the meritorious and outstanding service of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital and the commitment

Girl Scouting makes to support the leadership development of girls, proudly proclaim March 12, 2012 through March 13, 2013: Girl Scout Year of the Girl.

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