

# PROCLAMATION



## GIRL SCOUTING CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF LEADERSHIP

*WHEREAS*, founder Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia and the Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the U.S. Congress on March 16, 1950. The Girl Scouts are 100 years young as they celebrate a century of leadership, fun, and friendship. They are setting out to ensure that every girl has the opportunity to reach her fullest leadership potential, and,

*WHEREAS*, in Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a host of enriching experiences, Girl Scouting helps girls grow courageous and strong by teaching them to develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others, and

*WHEREAS*, Girl Scouting makes communities a better place. Every year, in virtually every ZIP code, Girl Scouts provide a total of more than 70 million hours of direct service to communities. When a Girl Scout computer whiz learned that her town couldn't afford a police sketch artist, she designed a software program to do the job. Another girl served her town by creating a directory to help Spanish-speaking immigrants connect with health care and jobs. 2.3 million girls are on a mission to save the earth. Girls earning their prestigious Girl Scout Gold Awards have built artificial reefs to sustain coastal ecosystems and rallied school systems to radically reduce waste. These girl leaders are changing the world, and

*WHEREAS*, two-thirds of our nation's most accomplished women in public service, business, science, education, the arts, and community life were Girl Scouts. Every female astronaut who has flown in space was a girl scout; Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space; Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States; Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust, the first female president of Harvard University, and Katie Couric, the first woman to anchor a network evening newscast, were all Girl Scouts. More than 50 million American women enjoyed Girl Scouting during their childhood—and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the USA continues to inspire, challenge, and empower girls everywhere.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Robert Klaus, Mayor, and the entire Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington recognizes and congratulate these very special young ladies from BROWNIE TROOP #30014 and JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #30126 and their leaders, and join in celebrating the Girl Scouts 100th anniversary. We thank you for your service to our borough and urge you to continue your commitment that *“one girl can make a difference; girls together can change the world.”*

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Robert Klaus, Mayor

ATTEST: A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Shannon", written over a horizontal line.

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

March 13, 2012