

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL & SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY, AND THE SOUTH HARRISON TOWNSHIP GIRL SCOUTS AND THE RACCOON VALLEY SERVICE UNIT OF MULLICA HILL, NEW JERSEY, ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA.**

**WHEREAS**, in March of 1912, a woman named Juliette Gordon Low was inspired by a visit with British friends, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, to begin an organization similar to their Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, began the very first Girl Scout troop in the United States with a group of 18 girls; and

**WHEREAS**, after 100 years of growth and service to America, over 50 million American women and girls --- and a few brave men --- have been members of the Girl Scout Movement; and

**WHEREAS**, today, across this great country, there are 3.2 million current Girl Scouts members, including 2.3 million girl members and 880,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, of the four Girl Scout councils in the State of New Jersey, the Girl Scouts of Central & Southern New Jersey serve more than 35,000 members consisting of 23,764 girl members between the ages of 5 and 18, and 11,853 adult volunteers, in the largest geographic Girl Scout council in the State, including the counties of Cape May, Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex and Salem counties and parts of Monmouth county; and

**WHEREAS**, here in South Harrison Township, over 100 girl members and nearly 50 adult volunteers are served in 8 troops; and are members of the nearly 600 girls and nearly 200 adult volunteers who are served in 50 troops in all the municipalities, in the Raccoon Valley Service Unit in the southwestern parts of Gloucester County; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts are now, and always have been focused on the traditions of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Through Girl Scouts, girls everywhere are becoming women leaders of courage, confidence and character. Across the country and here in our County, girls specifically complete the following skill building programs and activities based on their interests:

- Girls and the adults who work with them are increasingly involved with New Jersey's science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) communities;
- Girls develop financial literacy by setting goals, then learning to budget, market and save to meet those goals;
- Girls develop healthy living skills through programs that teach them to recognize the connections between physical health, emotional health, and self-esteem; and
- Girls are taking environmental leadership roles, by combining environmental education with community action right here in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of girl members and adult Girl Scouts in our County demonstrate every day how important the Girl Scout program is to the growth of a girl's character, and to our entire County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the South Harrison Township Committee does hereby:

1. Honor the Girl Scouts of the United States of America on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scout Movement; and
2. Honor the Girl Scouts of Central & Southern New Jersey for their continued hard work, dedication, and service; and
3. Honor the Girl Scout members of South Harrison Township and the Raccoon Valley Service Unit for their commitment to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world and Cape May County a better place.

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
JAMES MCCALL, MAYOR

Dated: March 14, 2012

**ATTEST:**

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NANCY E. KEARNS, RMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison at the Regular Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

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NANCY E. KEARNS, RMC,  
TOWNSHIP CLERK