

100th Anniversary Proclamation Request



As Girl Scouts of the USA approaches the 100th Anniversary, we want to share our excitement with our communities. We are hoping for EVERY city and town within the Girl Scouts of Northern California borders will be celebrating with us. Here are some suggested procedures:

Requesting a Proclamation

Any constituent may request a proclamation to commemorate special events from their local government office. Requests usually will go through an internal review and approval process. It is necessary to submit your request several weeks prior to the date that the proclamation is needed.

We would prefer to have as many of these proclamations as possible to be read during Girl Scout Week, which is March 11 – 17, 2012. It would be ideal if you could submit your request during the end of January, or the beginning of February, to allow plenty of time.

Most city councils will read the proclamation and award it to a representative. It would be a wonderful experience for the girls in your area to attend the city council meeting to hear this historic proclamation read – and to show everyone our Girl Scout enthusiasm.

To avoid confusion or duplication all proclamation requests need to go through the Service Unit Director for that town or city. They don't need to be the one to organize and submit it; they just need to be aware of who is doing this. If there are more than one service units in one town or city, please contact each other to ensure that someone is submitting the request. Everyone is then welcome to join in the meeting and the presentation.

Process

- Go online to your town or city's government page for names and numbers of council members.
- Make a few phone calls and find out to who you should direct your request.
- Email your request using a version of the attached cover letter and proclamation wording.
- Follow up to make sure that your email was received and the date is confirmed.
- Invite all of the troops in your area, informing them of the date and time and asking them to come in some form of Girl Scout attire; sash, vest, GS t-shirt, etc.
- Bring a few boxes of Girl Scout Cookies as a thank you gift for the council.

**Contact Deborah Holden if you have any questions:
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Council person's name
Council's name (i.e.; Santa Rosa City Council)
Address
City, State, Zip

Date

Dear **[Official's Title & Name]:**

I am writing to request that **(Council's Name)** proclaim the week of March 11–17, 2012 as Girl Scouts' Week in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA. Your proclamation would be in conjunction with other cities and states around the United States to support and honor this incredible organization's Centennial Celebration.

It would be our pleasure to come to receive this proclamation at a meeting that is during or around that week.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

(Your name and GS title)

Contact info (email and/or phone)



Girl Scouts of the USA celebrates 100 Year Anniversary

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1912 the first Girl Scout meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this first meeting was led by Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts of the USA after visiting the founders of both Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in England; and,

WHEREAS, since this first meeting more than 50 million girls have participated in the Girl Scout movement during their childhood; and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the USA continues to inspire, challenge, and empower girls everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently 47,000 girl and 32,000 adult members in the Northern California Council and 3.2 million members in the USA; and,

WHEREAS, through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is the largest, longest running and most effective leadership program for girls in not only the nation, but the world; and,

WHEREAS, 69% of current women US Senators and 65% of women in the House of Representatives were Girl Scouts when they were girls; and,

WHEREAS, 55% of all women astronauts are former Girl Scouts and former Girl Scouts have flown in over 1/3 of all space shuttle missions; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 80% of women business executives and business owners were once Girl Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, countless women educators, scientists, and women in the media and performing arts discovered their passions and talents as Girl Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, 64 % of today's female leaders listed in *Who's Who of American Women* in the United States were once Girl Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts in the 1900's developed the same core values while learning housekeeping and forestry badges as girls today learn while earning computer technology and financial literacy; and,

WHEREAS, we know that Girl Scouts develops girls of Courage, Confidence and Character who make the world a better place; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, _____, are proud to join the Girl Scouts of Northern California in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA.



Girl Scouts de los EE.UU. Celebra 100 Años de Aniversario

POR CUANTO, el 12 de marzo de 1912 la primera reunión de Girl Scouts se llevo acabo en Savannah, Georgia, y

POR CUANTO, este primer encuentro fue encabezado por Juliette Gordon Low, fundadora de las Girl Scouts de los EE.UU. después de visitar a los fundadores de los Boy Scouts Y Girl Guides en Inglaterra, y

POR CUANTO, desde esta primera reunión mas de 50 millones de niñas han participado en el movimiento de las Girl Scouts durante su infancia, y este número sigue creciendo a medida que las Girl Scouts de los EE.UU. continúan inspirando, desafiando, y empoderando a niñas en todas partes, y

POR CUANTO, en la actualidad hay 47,000 niñas y 32,000 adultos que son miembros en el Consejo del Norte de California y 3.2 millones miembros en los EE.UU.

POR CUANTO, a través de su membrecía en la Asociación Mundial de las Guías Scouts y Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girl Scouts de los EE.UU. es parte de una familia mundial de 10 millones de niñas y adultos en 145 países, y

POR CUANTO, Girl Scouts es el programa mas grande, de mas larga duración y de mas eficaz en liderazgo para niñas, no solo en la nación, sino en el mundo, y

POR CUANTO, actualmente el 69% de las mujeres senadoras de EE.UU. y el 65% de las mujeres en la Cámara de Representantes fueron Girl Scouts cuando eran niñas, y

POR CUANTO, el 55% de todas las mujeres astronautas fueron Girl Scouts y han volado en mas de 1/3 de todas las misiones del transbordador espacial, y

POR CUANTO, se estima que el 80% de mujeres ejecutivas de empresas y propietarias de negocios alguna vez fueron Girl Scouts, y

POR CUANTO, un sinnúmero de mujeres educadoras, científicas, en los medios de comunicación y las artes escénicas descubrieron sus pasiones y talentos por medio de Girl Scouts, y

POR CUANTO, el 64 % de mujeres en posiciones de liderazgo enlistadas en Quien es Quien de las Mujeres Americanas de los Estados Unidos alguna vez fueron Girl Scouts, y

POR CUANTO, en la década de 1990 las Girl Scouts aprendían sobre faenas domesticas y silvicultura desarrollando los mismos valores fundamentales que las niñas de hoy aprenden con insignias de tecnología informática y la educación financiera, y

POR CUANTO, sabemos que Girl Scouts desarrolla niñas de Valor, Confidencia y Principios para hacer del mundo un lugar mejor, y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, que _____, se enorgullece de unirse a las Girl Scouts del Norte de California en el reconocimiento del 100 Aniversario de las Girl Scouts de los EE.UU.