

*❧ ❧ PROCLAMATION ❧ ❧*

*WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girls Scouts of America, believing that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally and spiritually, assembled eighteen girls in Savannah, Georgia and held the first Girl Scout meeting on March 9, 1912; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired more than 50 million girls and women to strive for the highest ideals of courage, confidence and character; and*

*WHEREAS, through Girl Scouts, girls grow strong, gain self-confidence, develop leadership skills and learn the lifelong lesson of contributing back to their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, Girl Scouting helps girls achieve their potential by increasing awareness of opportunities existent in the fields of math, science, sports, technology and other professional pursuits; and*

*WHEREAS, the Gateway Council of Northeast Florida serves the Scouting Community of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee and Union counties;*

*NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine does hereby congratulate the Girl Scout Organization on One Hundred Years of Scouting, and FURTHER, recognizes the many contributions made by the current membership and alumnae supporting all girls to become contributing members of their communities, and the world.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and in the four hundred and forty sixth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.*

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*Mayor Joseph Boles*