

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Girl Scouts of Western New York upon the occasion of the 101st Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those esteemed organizations that provide significant opportunities for leadership, fellowship and character development for young people in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Girl Scouts of Western New York upon the occasion of the 101st Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts of the USA began with a meeting on March 12, 1912, when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls for a local Girl Scout meeting in Savannah, Georgia, to provide the girls with the opportunity to develop physically, mentally and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts of the USA is the largest organization for girls in the world, with over 3.2 million Girl Scouts - 2.3 million girls and 890,000 adults; the Girl Scouts of Western New York, serving girls and women in Erie, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Orleans, Monroe and Wyoming Counties, has a membership of 20,000 girls and 9,000 adult volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Over the past century, the Girl Scouts of the USA has fulfilled its mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts of the USA encourages girls to develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to discover their values, skills and the world around them; connect with others in a multicultural environment; and take action to make a difference in the world; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1912, Girl Scouting has touched the lives of more than 59 million American women; 76 percent of all Girl Scout alumnae report that Girl Scouts had a long-lasting, positive impact in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts provides girls with enriching experiences for growth through field trips, skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges and environmental stewardship; girls are encouraged to develop to their full individual potential and relate to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts encourages young women to develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; girls are inspired to contribute to their communities with their abilities, leadership skills and cooperation with others; and

WHEREAS, A commemorative coin honoring 100 years of Girl Scouting was designed and produced by the United States Mint this year; the coin features three Girl Scouts on the obverse and the organization's logo on the reverse; with its arrival at the end of the 100th anniversary celebration, the coin serves as a reminder of the long history of the Girl Scouts of the USA and a look forward to the next 100 years of serving girls; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has a long history of helping girls and women develop their full potential as individuals and leaders to provide significant contributions to society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Girl Scouts of Western New York upon the occasion of the 101st Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Girl Scouts of Western New York.