

**BY:** Senator AMEDORE

**HONORING** the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York  
upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th  
Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; 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 Northeastern New York upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary, to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 9, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Girl Scouting in the United States of America began on March 12, 1912, when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop meeting of 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia; since then, it has grown to 3.7 million members worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** For over a century, Girl Scouting has cultivated in our Nation's young people the goals of building solid values of sisterhood and the importance of working with others, stimulating both mind and body, instilling pride, and encouraging community service and success; and

**WHEREAS,** Girl Scouting has expanded the horizons of the countless hundreds of thousands who have participated in Scouting programs which have made Scouting an American and international institution; and

**WHEREAS,** On May 9, 1917, Ruth Witte established Girl Scout Troop No. 1 in Albany; for 100 years, the Scouts have been taught to be leaders, and about various subjects such as environmental awareness and healthy living; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2007, a union occurred to form the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, merging Hudson Valley, Mohawk, Adirondack and Northern, originally known as legacy councils; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its inception, the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York have served approximately 2.4 million members in 15 counties, including: Columbia, Greene, Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Schoharie and Schenectady; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, Scouts are given the opportunity to become entrepreneurs, learn ethical decision making, financial management, goal setting, and teamwork; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York serves

10,000 girls with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and leadership, as well as the outdoors; and

**WHEREAS,** As the Girl Scout movement enters its second Century, it reaffirms its century-long mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the youth of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

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