Assembly Resolution No. 1009

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RECOGNIZING March 12, 2026, as Girl Scout Day in the State of New York

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 the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize March 12, 2026, as Girl Scout Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting in the United States began on March 12, 1912, when founder Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Guide troop meeting in Savannah, Georgia; for the 18 girls who were present, she organized enrichment programs, service projects, and outdoor activities and adventures; and

WHEREAS, In 1913, the organization was renamed to Girl Scouts of the United States; its headquarters was subsequently moved to Washington, D.C.; in 1915, the organization was incorporated, and its headquarters was moved to New York City; and

WHEREAS, The organization was renamed for the final time to Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) in 1947; the Girl Scouts received a congressional charter on March 16, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Girl Scouts of the United States of America has grown to more than 3.7 million members; and

WHEREAS, Celebrated annually on March 12th, National Girl Scout Day honors the organization's legacy, commitment to community service, and celebration of girls' empowerment; and

WHEREAS, The success of Girl Scouts of the United States of America is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize March 12, 2026, as Girl Scout Day in the State of New York, celebrating its 114th Anniversary, and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the

quality of life for the youth of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Girl Scouts of the United States of America.