City of Sumter

South Carolina

Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF SUMTER)
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WHEREAS, March 12, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, which began in 1912 when Savannah, GA native Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low gathered 18 girls to provide them the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character who act to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, the award winning Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, requires girls to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community, assess a need and design a solution, find the resources and support to make it happen, complete the project and also inspire others to sustain it; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award honors leadership in the Girl Scout tradition, and Gold Award recipients have already changed the world as high school students; and

WHEREAS, core programs around Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship help girls develop a solid foundation in leadership; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 2000, the Girl Scout Research Institute has become an internationally recognized center for original research, research reviews and surveys that provide significant insights into the lives of girls; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Program is brought to more than 600 girls in grades K-12 across the City of Sumter, in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 50 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae, 3.2 million girls and adult volunteers are active members, and Girl Scouts is the largest member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a global movement comprised of more than 10 million girls in 145 countries worldwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, do hereby proclaim ***YEAR 2012 as***

"THE YEAR OF THE GIRL"
in the
CITY OF SUMTER

and I applaud the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for their 100 years of leadership and expertise as the voice for and of girls, and proudly proclaim 2012 as "Year of the Girl".

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk