

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-071 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Juliette Gordon Low, an American youth leader of the early 1900s, had spent several years searching for something useful to do with her life. Her search ended in 1911, when she met Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and became interested in the new youth movement. Less than a year later, she gathered 18 girls on March 12, 1912 to register the first troop of American Girl Guides in Savannah, Georgia. The name was changed a year later to the Girl Scouts.

In developing the Girl Scout movement in the United States, Mrs. Low brought girls of all backgrounds into the outdoors, giving them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. She encouraged girls to prepare not only for traditional homemaking, but also for possible future roles as professional women—in arts, sciences, and business—and for active citizenship outside the home. Girl Scouts welcomed girls with disabilities at a time when they were excluded from many other activities. Mrs. Low, who had lost her hearing and later developed cancer, never let it keep her from full participation in life. On March 16, 1950, the U.S. Congress chartered the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Today's Girl Scouts have not changed much from 100 years ago; girls still discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. Girl Scouts helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others.

From the original 18 girls over a century ago, Girl Scouts has grown to include more than 3.2 million members both in the United States and in more than 92 countries. Girl Scouts is the largest educational organization for girls in the world and has influenced the more than 50 million girls, women and men who have belonged to it.

The School Board commends the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for 100 years of exemplary service in our community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-071 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Girl Scouts of the United States of America for 100 years of service in our community.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-071
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low, an American youth leader of the early 1900s, had spent several years searching for something useful to do with her life. Her search ended in 1911, when she met Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and became interested in the new youth movement; and

WHEREAS, less than a year later, she gathered 18 girls on March 12, 1912 to register the first troop of American Girl Guides in Savannah, Georgia. The name was changed a year later to the Girl Scouts. On March 16, 1950, the U.S. Congress chartered the Girl Scouts of the USA; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Low brought girls of all backgrounds into the outdoors, giving them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. She encouraged girls to prepare not only for traditional homemaking, but also for possible future roles as professional women—in arts, sciences and business—and for active citizenship outside the home; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts welcomed girls with disabilities at a time when they were excluded from many other activities. Mrs. Low, who had lost her hearing and later developed cancer, never let it keep her from full participation in life; and

WHEREAS, today's Girl Scouts have not changed much from 100 years ago; girls still discover the fun, friendship, power of girls together, and enriching experiences, such as field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships. Girls develop their full potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others; and

WHEREAS, from the original 18 girls over a century ago, Girl Scouts has grown to include more than 3.2 million members both in the United States and in more than 92 countries. Girl Scouts is the largest educational organization for girls in the world and has influenced the more than 50 million girls, women and men who have belonged to it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-071 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Girl Scouts of the United States of America for 100 years of service in our community.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this eighteenth day of April, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary