

# PROCLAMATION

## Girl Scouts celebrates its 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 1912, the first Girl Scout meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, this first meeting was led by Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, after visiting the founders of both Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in England; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the first meeting more than 50 million girls have participated in the Girl Scout movement during their childhood; and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the USA continues to inspire, challenge and empower girls everywhere; and,

**WHEREAS**, There are 33,000 girl and 9,000 adult members in Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri council and 3.2 million members in the USA; and,

**WHEREAS**, through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girls Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts is the largest, longest-running and most effective leadership program for girls in the nation, and the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, 69 percent of current women US Senators and 60 percent of women in the House of Representatives were Girl Scouts as girls; and,

**WHEREAS**, 55 percent of all women astronauts are former Girl Scouts, and former Girl Scouts have flown in more than one-third of all space shuttle missions; and,

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 80 percent of women business executives and business owners were once Girl Scouts; and,

**WHEREAS**, countless women educators, scientists, and women in the media and performing arts discovered their passions and talents as Girl Scouts; and,

**WHEREAS**, 76 percent of all Girl Scout alumnae report that Girl Scouts had a positive impact in their lives.

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts in the 1900s developed the same core values while learning housekeeping and forestry badges as girls today learn while earning computer technology and financial literacy; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts develops girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place in accordance with its mission; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dennis M. Clark, Mayor of the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri do hereby designate March 12, 2013, the 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouting.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark