



News Release

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STATE PROCLAIMS MARCH 12 AS GIRL SCOUT DAY

ATLANTA, March 10, 2009 – To honor the 97th anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts, the Georgia House of Representatives will proclaim March 12 as Girl Scout Day throughout the state of Georgia. Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. and Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc. will be present to celebrate this momentous occasion. Girl Scouting was founded on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Low, placing Georgia at the beginning of the national movement.

Nearly 100 Girl Scouts from both councils will spend the day at the Capitol experiencing first hand law-making in action where a Georgia House resolution, proclaiming March 12 as Girl Scout Day, will be voted on and passed. Rep. Elly Dobbs, who is a Girl Scout alumna and was a Girl Scout troop leader for both of her daughters, presented and sponsored the resolution recognizing March 12 as Girl Scout Day. Rep. Dobbs isn't the only Girl Scout serving in a prominent position within our government; two-thirds of women serving in the U.S. Congress are Girl Scout alumnae.

In addition to meeting Rep. Dobbs and learning more about Georgia's government, the Girl Scouts will have a chance to meet Governor Sonny Perdue and Inspector General Shawn LaGrua.

This year, the week of Sunday, March 8 through Saturday, March 14 will be honored as Girl Scout Week by Girl Scouts across the nation. In tribute to Girl Scouts' founder, Juliette Gordon Low, Girl Scouts and adult volunteer leaders spend the week participating in community service projects to help make our world a better place.

About the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. serves approximately 40,000 girls and over 16,000 adult members in 34 counties in the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta area, northwest Georgia and Polk County, TN. Girl Scouting's mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. For more information on how to join, volunteer or donate to the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. call 1-800-771-4046, or visit www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org. For information on the national organization visit the Girl Scouts of the USA Web site at www.girlscouts.org.

About Girl Scouts of the USA

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership experience for girls and is the leading authority on girls' healthy development. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The three-million-member organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girl Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect, or donate to Girl Scouts, call 800-GSUSA 4 U (800-478-7248) or visit www.girlscouts.org.

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