

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, March 12, 2022, marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most impactful leadership program for girls in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, since our beginnings, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service and civic engagement, and has fostered a sense of community in girls; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts works to champion the ambitions, cultivate the talents, and develop the skills of girls to confidently pursue their passions and make the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS**, girls say that Girl Scouts supports their mental health and is an accepting, safe space where they feel free to be themselves and where leaders and other girls are sources of support during difficult times; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts offers girls 21<sup>st</sup> century programming in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the outdoors; entrepreneurship; and beyond, helping girls develop invaluable life skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Gold Award Girl Scouts already take on projects that have a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by accessing a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and

**WHEREAS**, today, more than 50 million women – trailblazers, visionaries, and leaders – are Girl Scout alums who have made the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois serves nearly 5,000 girls and engages over 2,000 adult members in 40 counties in Southern Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of March 6-12, 2022, as 'Girl Scout Week' in the City of Belleville, Illinois. I hereby applaud the Girl Scout Movement and Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois for providing girls with a safe, inclusive, all-girl space where they can hone their skills and develop leadership abilities.

*Prize in the Past, Promise for the Future*  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

*Patty Gregory*  
Patty Gregory, Mayor  
Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022

