

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 12TH AS GIRL  
SCOUT DAY**

**WHEREAS**, March 12, 2015 marks the 103rd anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of character, conduct, compassion and patriotism; and

**WHEREAS**, in Girl Scouts, girls develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to discover their values and skills, and the world around them, and to connect with others in a multicultural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouting, now in its 2nd century of service to girls, is continuing its legacy of creating gender-balanced leadership in the United States and the world by providing girls with the tools to become leaders dedicated to making this country and the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS**, through Girl Scouting, girls gain courage, confidence and leadership skills that inspire them to make their local communities and the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts has made girls' financial literacy a high priority in its programs and activities for over 100 years and continues to develop financial empowerment programs for girls in kindergarten to grade 12 to guarantee future generations of independent female leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts outdoor experiences are an integral part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Outdoor activities are woven into the core leadership development program in such a way that girls feel comfortable trying new things and testing their limits, and gain confidence and acquire new skills in a safe and supportive all-girl environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts is committed to ensuring every girl has the opportunity to explore and build an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, helping them to develop critical thinking skills, problem solving skills and collaborative skills, which are vital throughout life; and

**WHEREAS**, with more than 2.8 million current members nationwide and nearly 60 million alumnae, and with 60% of the women in the United States House of Representatives and 53% of women business owners being former Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts has ample living proof of this amazing movement; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commend the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the continued advancement of girls in their roles as leaders here in our State and to send our appreciation by urging the citizens of Maine to recognize March 12th as Girl Scout Day; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Girl Scouts of Maine.