



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

COMMENDATION

- WHEREAS,** March 12, 2021 marks the 109th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most successful leadership program for girls in the world; and
- WHEREAS,** as the world's premier leadership development organization for girls, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service, civic engagement, and fostering a sense of community in girls for over a century; and
- WHEREAS,** Girl Scouts works to champion the ambitions, cultivate the talents, and develop the skills of girls to be leaders in their own world, and in ours; and
- WHEREAS,** in these incredibly challenging times, Girl Scouts provides community, consistency, and connection for girls, and is a safe haven in all the uncertainty; and
- WHEREAS,** in the time of COVID-19, Girl Scouts offers girls skill-building digital programming and virtual leadership experiences girls can participate in safely from home as they continue their Girl Scout journeys; and
- WHEREAS,** at a time when civics education is missing from many schools, Girl Scouts has introduced new K-12 Civics badges to bring girls more experiences that deepen their understanding of democracy and government, prepare them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivate them to be catalysts for change; and
- WHEREAS,** Girl Scouts offers girls 21st century programming in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the outdoors; entrepreneurship; and beyond, helping girls develop invaluable life skills and take the lead early and often; and
- WHEREAS,** Gold Award Girl Scouts already take on projects that have a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by first assessing a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and
- WHEREAS,** today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alums making our world a safer, more connected, more vibrant place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, do hereby give special commendation and recognition to **Girl Scouts of the USA** in acknowledgement of celebrating 109 years exemplary service to the community, State of Louisiana and the United States of America.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton
Rouge, on this 12th day of March A. D., 2021.

John Bel Edwards
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