



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution Honoring  
The Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast  
Commission for Women's  
Service Organization of the Year for 2008

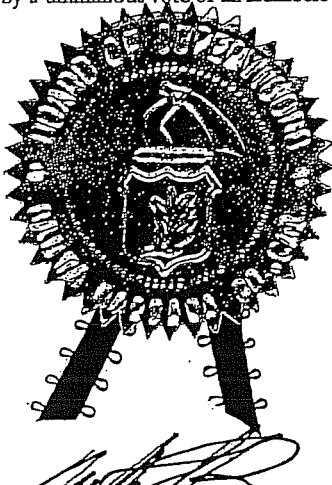
WHEREAS; The Girl Scout program founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia has grown from 18 members to now over 3.7 million worldwide, with a focus that girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally and spiritually. The goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air; and

WHEREAS; During the beginning thru the 20's & 30's World War I, girls learned about food production and conservation, sold war bonds, worked in hospitals, and collected peach pits for use in gas mask filters, and a troop for physically challenged Girl Scouts was established. Women were granted the right to vote and the new Girl Scout badges included Economist and Interpreter, and revisions already were being made to the Journalist and Motorist badges, and a Girl Scout Radio Troop was started. In the 30's during the Great Depression, Girls Scouts led community relief efforts by collecting clothing, making quilts, carving wood toys, gathering food for the poor, assisting in hospitals, participating in food drives and canning programs, and providing meals to undernourished children, and the first sale of commercially baked Girl Scout Cookies took place; and

WHEREAS; in the 40's 50's and 60's the start of World War two the Girl Scouts operated bicycle courier services, invested more than 48,000 hours in Farm Aide projects, collected fat and scrap metal, and grew Victory Gardens, and encouraged older girls to perform war-related service, like hospital, Child Care and Emergency Outdoor Aid, sponsored Defense Institutes which taught women Survivor skills and collected 1.5 million articles of clothing that were then shipped overseas to children and adult victims of war. Ebony Magazine reported: "Girl Scouts in the South are making steady progress toward breaking down racial taboos." During a time when Martin Luther King, Jr's rousing "I have a Dream" speech, President Kennedy was assassinated, president Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights act, the National Board went on record as strongly supporting civil rights;

WHEREAS; in the 70's the footage of Vietnam War heightened awareness of war like never before advances were made in civil rights, environmental pollution became a focus and world hunger and deteriorating ozone layers and interest in space exploration came into focus, the Girl Scouts helped Vietnamese refugee' children adapt to their new homes, contributed to a White House conference on Food, Nutrition, and Health, and the "Eco-Action," a national environmental program was launched In the 80'S and 90'S; violent crime climbed and AIDS reached our world, and the computer was rapidly entering our homes, schools and libraries; new badges were instituted, Computer Fun, Aerospace, and Business-Wise, girls Scouts immerses themselves in a Global Understanding of Health Care, hunger, literacy, natural resources and cultural heritage. Today the new badges include Global Awareness, Adventure Sports, Stress Less, and Environmental Health,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County honor the Girl Scouts for promoting the importance of Women in society and instilling the Girl Scout Law in our youth "I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I way and do, and to respect myself and others respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout": Passed and Adopted by the Board of Supervisors' of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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