

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** March 12, 2014, marks the 102nd anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, which began in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low gathered 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia, to provide them the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

**WHEREAS,** for 102 years, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character who act to make the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS,** the Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS,** the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, requires girls to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community and honors leadership in the Girl Scout tradition; and

**WHEREAS,** core programs around Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship help girls develop a solid foundation in leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** through the dedication, time, and talent of more than 5,100 trained volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Program is brought to more than 12,300 girls in grades K-12 in Vermont and New Hampshire,

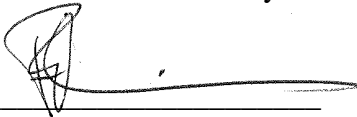
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 9-15, 2014 as

**GIRL SCOUT WEEK**

in Vermont and applaud the Girl Scouts for their 102 years of leadership  
and salute them as they celebrate 102 years of Girl Scouting.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 12 day of March, A.D. 2014

  
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Peter Shumlin  
Governor