



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Girl Scout Week

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 107th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most successful leadership program for girls in the world; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts unleashes the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ in every girl preparing her for a lifetime of leadership; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts combines time-tested, research-backed methods with exciting, modern programming that speaks to today's girls and is designed to cater to the strengths of girls' leadership development; 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, as the world's premier leadership development organization for girls, Girl Scouts welcomes girls of all backgrounds and interests who want to develop the courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, research shows that girls learn best in an all-girl, girl-led environment in which their specific needs are addressed and met; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, calls on Girl Scouts in grades 9 to 12 to 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, with more than 100 years of experience, Girl Scouts brings a wealth of knowledge to programs that deliver girls cornerstone experiences with benefits that last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alums, and 2.6 million girls and adults are current members;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim March 10 – 16, 2019, as: *Girl Scout Week* in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in applauding the Girl Scout Movement and Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England for providing girls with a safe, inclusive, all-girl space where they can hone their skills and develop leadership abilities.



Given under my hand and the great seal
of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 14 day of February, 2019

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State