

YEAR OF THE GIRL

Girl Scouts Centennial Proclamation

A Proclamation Declaring 2012 as the Year of the Girl and
Celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting

WHEREAS, March 12, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, which began in 1912 when Savannah, GA native Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low gathered 18 girls to provide them the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and,

WHEREAS, for 100 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, today, more than 50 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae, 3.3 million girls and adult volunteers are active members, and Girl Scouts is the largest member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a global movement comprised of more than 10 million girls in 145 countries worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, the award winning 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, 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, and, 396 girls and dedicated 52 adult volunteers are proud to a part of the Girl Scout tradition in Spanaway, Graham, Roy & Eatonville;

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor in Girl Scouting; and,

WHEREAS, our community has one Gold Award recipient. The Gold Award project completed involved restoring a fountain and weeding and replanting flower gardens for the Old Soldiers Home in Orting, WA. Our Silver and Bronze Awards recognize achievements in service as well, our community has 25 Silver and Bronze Awards and their projects have completed food drives, clothing collections and school supplies kits for needing families in our community;

WHEREAS, as part of the 100th Anniversary celebration, girls and adults from Girl Scouts of Western Washington are pledging to live *Forever Green* participating in monthly challenges to explore their impact on the environment and learning ways to lessen their footprint; and,

WHEREAS, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, our community has had annual day camps, supported the Highland Games, ran area

Encampments, posted flags in memory of fallen military personnel and continues to support green efforts around the entire county and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is committed to assuring that all girls can participate in Girl Scouts regardless of their financial circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout program continues to evolve to address the changing societal challenges faced by our community through innovative programs such as Girl Scouts Fostering a Future which reaches girls living in foster or kinship care; Girl Scouts Beyond Bars which reaches girls whose parents are incarcerated ; Girl Scouts Skills for Life which serves girls who are living in public housing – often recent immigrants or refugees; and Girl Scouting in the School Day which partners with schools to reach girls from low-income schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, by virtue of the authority vested in the Eatonville Town Council do hereby applaud the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for their 100 years of leadership and expertise as the voice for and of girls, the Girl Scouts of Western Washington for providing the local support for Girl Scouting in our community, and the Girl Scouts of our Bethel & Eatonville School Districts for their courage, confidence, and character to act to make our world a better place and proudly proclaim 2012 as “Year of the Girl.”

Proclaimed this _____ day of _____ 2010.

ATTEST:

Chrystal McGlone, Town Clerk

Raymond Harper, Mayor