



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing Girl Scout Week 2025**

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, recognizes Girl Scouts of the United States of America on its 113th birthday, honored on March 12, 2025, and celebrating its legacy of providing girls with a secure, inclusive space where they can explore their world, build meaningful relationships, and have access to experiences that prepare them for a life of leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout movement began on March 12, 1912, when Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low, a native of Savannah, Georgia, organized a group of 18 girls and provided them with the opportunity to develop physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually, and currently Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines serves 17,734 girls across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, for over a century, Girl Scouts of the United States of America has advanced its mission to “build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place”; and today, more than 50 million women—trailblazers, visionaries, and leaders—are Girl Scout alums who have made the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, since its beginnings, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service and civic engagement, and has fostered a sense of community in girls; and during a time when girls are experiencing increased levels of anxiety, stress, loneliness, and depression, Girl Scouts continues to provide community, consistency, and connection for girls across the world, and is a safe haven in all the uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts plays an indispensable role in engaging girls in after school and out-of-school programming and experiences that expand their world and allow them to tap into their inner community builder, innovator, change maker, and leader; and

WHEREAS, at a time when civics education is missing from many schools, Girl Scouts engages girls of all grade levels in civics programming that deepens their understanding of community action, democracy, and government, prepares them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivates them to act on issues that are important to them; 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

WHEREAS, Gold Award Girl Scouts take on projects that have a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by assessing a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and

WHEREAS, as a member organization of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts is part of an international sisterhood of 10 million girls and young women in 152 countries and is committed to offering girls more opportunities to engage with communities worldwide, make meaningful global connections, and explore global citizenship; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim March 9 – 15, 2025, as **GIRL SCOUTS WEEK**, and applaud the Girl Scout Movement and Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines, for providing girls with a secure, inclusive, all-girl space where they can hone their skills and develop leadership.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of March 2025.

Susan P. Evans, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners