

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America**
2 **and proclaiming 2012 as the Year of the Girl.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** March 12, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scout
5 movement, which began on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, when Juliette "Daisy"
6 Gordon Low organized a group of 18 girls and provided the girls with the opportunity to
7 develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

8 **WHEREAS**, for 100 years, the Girl Scouts have helped millions of girls and women
9 develop courage, confidence, and character, so that those girls and women could act to make
10 the world a better place; and

11 **WHEREAS** the award-winning Girl Scout Leadership Experience helps girls discover
12 themselves, establish values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better
13 place; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in the Girl Scouts, requires
15 a girl to make a measurable and sustainable difference in the girl's community by assessing a
16 need, designing a solution, finding the resources and support to achieve that solution,

1 completing the project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and

2 **WHEREAS** the Girl Scout Gold Award honors leadership in the Girl Scout tradition,
3 and, as high school students, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients have already changed the
4 world; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Girl Scout programs in science, technology, engineering, math,
6 environmental awareness, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship help girls
7 develop a solid foundation in leadership; and

8 **WHEREAS**, since its founding in 2000, the Girl Scout Research Institute has become
9 an internationally recognized center for original research, research reviews, and surveys that
10 provide significant insights into the lives of girls; and

11 **WHEREAS**, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different
12 backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scouts of Alaska serves more than
13 2,200 girls in grades kindergarten through 12 across the state; and

14 **WHEREAS** more than 50,000,000 American women are Girl Scout alumnae,
15 3,300,000 girls and adult volunteers are active members of the Girl Scouts, and the Girl
16 Scouts of the United States of America is the largest member of the World Association of Girl
17 Guides and Girl Scouts, a global movement of more than 10,000,000 girls in 145 countries;

18 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature celebrates the Girl Scouts of the
19 United States of America for 100 years of leadership and expertise and proclaims 2012 the
20 Year of the Girl.

21 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Marge Stoneking, Chief Executive Officer,
22 Girl Scouts of Alaska; Jane Angvik, Chair and Lifetime Member, Girl Scouts of Alaska; Mary
23 Siroky, First Vice Chair, Girl Scouts of Alaska; Lynda Zaugg, Second Vice Chair and
24 Lifetime Member, Girl Scouts of Alaska; Mary Killorin, Secretary, Girl Scouts of Alaska;
25 Linda Freed, Treasurer and Lifetime Member, Girl Scouts of Alaska; and the Honorable Lisa
26 Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
27 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.