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Anchorage, AK – Today Girl Scouts of Alaska issued the following statement in response to questions raised in the House State Affairs Committee meeting on April 5, 2012 during discussion of Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (Girl Scouts of the USA) and proclaiming 2012 as the Year of the Girl.

"We are grateful to Senator Bettye Davis and other members of the Alaska State Legislature who value the great contributions Girl Scouts have made across the state for nearly 100 years. We have communicated with Representative Wes Keller and the members of the committee, and encourage others who may have questions to spend time talking with their local Girl Scout councils, and listening to the powerful stories of our girls and the benefits Girl Scouts has been providing in this country for 100 years.

Our position on sensitive issues is quite clear. We take no position on the subjects of birth control or abortion and we believe these topics are best discussed between girls and their families. Neither Girl Scouts of USA, nor Girl Scouts of Alaska has a relationship or partnership with Planned Parenthood.

An American institution is turning 100 years old, and our girls deserve the support of our state leaders."

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