

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 196

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Designates calendar week containing March 12 of each year as “Girl Scouts Week” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the calendar week containing
2 March 12 of each year as “Girl Scouts Week” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts and
5 organized the first Girl Scout Troop on March 12, 1912 in her home
6 in Savannah, Georgia with a goal of bringing girls out of isolated
7 home environments; and

8 **WHEREAS**, With a small gathering of 18 ethnically and culturally
9 diverse girls, Juliette Gordon Low broke the conventions of the
10 early 20th century, reaching across class, cultural, and ethnic
11 boundaries to ensure all girls, including those with disabilities, had
12 a place to grow and develop their leadership skills; and

13 **WHEREAS**, At a time when women in the United States could not yet
14 vote, Juliette Gordon Low sparked a worldwide movement
15 inspiring girls to embrace their individuality, strength, and intellect;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, The Girl Scouts, as an organization, continues to help girls
18 fully develop their potential by providing girls with the foundation
19 for sound decision-making, and by contributing to the improvement
20 of society through developing girls’ leadership skills and
21 encouraging their cooperation with others; and

22 **WHEREAS**, The Girl Scouts prepares girls for the modern world of
23 science and technology by offering programs in robotics,
24 engineering, and science, through enriching experiences, such as
25 field trips, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and
26 environmental stewardships; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Through its membership in the World Association of Girl
28 Guides and Girl Scouts, the Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a
29 worldwide family of millions of girls and adults in 146 countries
30 and is the world’s preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls
31 that affords an accepting and nurturing environment to help girls
32 build character and skills for success as adults; and

33 **WHEREAS**, More than 50 million women in America have been
34 members of the Girl Scouts, and the Girl Scouts continues to
35 empower a new generation of female leaders, therefore, it is fitting
36 and proper for the State of New Jersey to honor more than 100
37 years of service by this well respected institution by designating
38 the calendar week containing March 12 as “Girl Scouts Week” in
39 New Jersey; now, therefore,

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41 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
42 *State of New Jersey:*

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44 1. The calendar week containing March 12 of each year is
45 designated as “Girl Scouts Week” in the State of New Jersey.

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47 2. The Governor is requested to annually issue a proclamation
48 calling upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe the

1 calendar week containing March 12 as “Girl Scouts Week” with
2 appropriate activities and programs.

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4 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This joint resolution designates the calendar week containing
10 March 12 of each year as “Girl Scouts Week” in order to celebrate
11 the Girl Scouts for helping girls fully develop their potential by
12 building character and skills for success as adults.

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14 first Girl Scout Troop on March 12, 1912 in her home in Savannah,
15 Georgia with a goal of bringing girls out of isolated home
16 environments. At a time when women in the United States could not
17 yet vote, Juliette Gordon Low sparked a worldwide movement
18 inspiring girls to embrace their individuality, strength, and intellect.
19 The Girl Scouts prepares girls for the modern world of science and
20 technology by offering programs in robotics, engineering, and
21 science, through enriching experiences, such as field trips,
22 community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental
23 stewardships.

24 The Girl Scouts is the world’s preeminent organization dedicated
25 solely to girls that affords an accepting and nurturing environment
26 to help girls build character and skills for success in the real world.