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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION designating the week beginning with March 7, 2016, as Girl Scout Week

WHEREAS, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts of the USA on March 12, 1912; and

WHEREAS, Today, Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York serves approximately 10,000 girls, who participate throughout 15 counties in Northeastern New York with the assistance of more than 5,000 adult volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting is continuing a legacy of ensuring inclusive leadership in the United States and the world in its second century of service to girls by providing them with the tools and experiences to become leaders dedicated to making their local communities, state, country and the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor experiences are an integral part of the Girl Scout experience for girls of all ages; outdoor activities are woven into the core development program in such a way that girls feel comfortable trying new things and testing their limits; such experiences enable them to gain confidence and acquire new skills in a safe and supportive all-girl environment; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York is committed to ensuring that all girls have the opportunity to explore, and build an interest in, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in order to help them develop vital critical-thinking skills, problem-solving skills, and collaborative skills; and

WHEREAS, Keeping in mind the worthy goals of ensuring girls' well-being and of helping communities commit necessary resources to the development of girls, Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York has launched the Young Women's Leadership Initiative, offering leadership development

programs to all girls 9-12th grade; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has made girls' financial literacy a high priority in its programs and activities for more than 100 years and continues to develop financial empowerment programs for girls in grades K-12 to ensure the next generation of women have the tools and knowledge to achieve financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Girls in grades nine through twelve who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through action projects that have sustainable impacts on their communities and beyond are presented with the Girl Scouts Gold Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to designate the week beginning with March 7, 2016, as Girl Scout Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.