

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** March 12, 2024, marks the 112th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most impactful leadership program for girls in the world; and
- Whereas,** since our beginnings, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service and civic engagement, and has fostered a sense of community in girls; and
- Whereas,** girl scouts works to champion the ambitions, cultivate the talents, and develop the skills of girls to confidently pursue their passions and make the world a better place; and
- Whereas,** during a time when girls are experiencing increased levels of anxiety, stress, loneliness, and depression, Girl Scouts provides community, consistency, and connection for girls, and is a safe haven in all the uncertainty; and
- Whereas,** girls say that Girl Scouts support their mental health and is an accepting, safe space where they feel free to be themselves and where leaders and other girls are sources of support during difficult times; and
- Whereas,** Girl Scouts play 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 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 democracy and government, prepares them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivates them to take action 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,** the Girl Scouts Gold Award 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,** today, more than 50 million women trailblazers, visionaries, and leaders are Girl Scout alums who have made the world a better place; and
- Whereas,** Girl Scouts of Black Diamond serves 4,562 girls across 61 counties in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Maryland.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 10-16, 2024* as:


Girl Scout Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Mountain State.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Eighth Day of February, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the One Hundred Sixty-First Year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State