State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the 104th year of the Girl Scout Cookie Program, the largest girl-led entrepreneurship program for girls in

the world, preparing the next generation of female leaders; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is making the largest financial investment in girls

annually in the United States, encouraging the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter,

Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) in every Girl Scout; and

WHEREAS, over one million Girl Scouts participate in the cookie program each

year, with all net proceeds from Girl Scout Cookie sales staying in

the local area to power year-round experiences for girls; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a one-of-a-kind leadership

development program for girls that creates a safe space where girls can try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership

roles, and just be themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches five essential skills - goal

setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and

business ethics; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts took action to provide personal protective equipment

and other support during the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitated the donation of more 81,000 packages of Girl Scout Cookies to first

responders, hometown heroes, and the military in the past year; and

more than half of business leaders who are Girl Scout alums credit

the Girl Scout Cookie Program with helping them develop the skills they use today, including money management, goal setting and

public speaking; and

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS, during the last century of selling these iconic cookies, Girl Scouts

have demonstrated their exemplary leadership and philanthropic spirit by using their earnings to do remarkable work that reflects the

Girls Scouts' mission to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS. today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alumnae, and 2.6

million girls and adult volunteers are active members; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts consistently make positive changes in their

communities, thanks in part to cookie sales, and doing what they can

to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication, time, and talent of thousands of trained

volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves thousands of

girls in grades K-12 in New Hampshire and Vermont.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE WEEKEND

in Vermont.

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Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of February, A.D. 2021.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney L. Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs