

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 7, 2017

To recognize and honor the Boy Scouts of America for over 100 years of service and to declare February 8, 2017 as “National Boy Scouts Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, on February 8, 1910, Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce filed incorporation papers in the District of Columbia to create the Boy Scouts of America (“BSA”);

WHEREAS, in 1916, the United States Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a federal charter;

WHEREAS, the BSA is committed to helping millions of youth succeed by providing support, friendship, and mentoring;

WHEREAS, since its creation in 1910, more than 110 million Americans have been participants in BSA programs;

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts have helped develop leaders across the United States and former scouts have gone on to become leaders in all fields, including such notables as astronaut Neil Armstrong, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Presidents Gerald Ford, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, John F. Kennedy, and Barack Obama;

WHEREAS, the National Capital Area Council, founded in 1911, serves 10 counties in Northern Virginia, 6 counties in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and is one of the largest councils in the country;

WHEREAS, Troop 100, "The Century Troop," was chartered on February 1, 1918, and is the oldest Boy Scout Troop in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC District has 54 scouting units serving over 1,290 youth across the District of Columbia; and

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WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has been an integral part of communities across the United States and the District, and continues to prepare youth to participate and provide leadership in American society through active civic engagement.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “National Boy Scouts Day Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and supports the Boy Scouts of America for being at the forefront of instilling timeless values in youth since its founding in 1910, for its over 100 years of service and its continued commitment and dedication to America’s youth.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take into effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Registrar.