

**Resolution Number 162**  
**Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri-District 3**

**WHEREAS**, in 1912 Juliette Gordon Low formed the first troop of 18 girls, in Savannah, Georgia. The Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis (GSCGSL) Troop #1 was organized in 1918. In 1922 St. Louis received its first charter from the Girl Scouts of United States of America. In 1928 Girl scouting came to the City of St. Louis District 3. The first African American troop was formed by Miss Cleotla Spotts, a teacher at Charles Sumner High School. A troop also established at Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Church. In 1930 Marie Webb, leader at Central Baptist Church developed the first “buddy troop”, uniting Temple Israel troop with the Central Baptist Troop in a cultural exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, District 3 Girl Scouts contributed to the war effort by assisting local citizens Defense Corps; conducting salvage drives; purchasing and selling war bonds and stamps; cultivating victory gardens; and adopting local servicemen. In 1954 Girl scouting was integrated nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, a nationwide project, Action 70, stimulated great interest in Girl Scouting among inner-city groups. District 3 Girl Scout programs traditionally offered at city neighborhood schools, were adversely affected by the new desegregation plan, while those Girl Scout programs centered in private and parochial schools remained strong. To counteract the loss of traditional troops in public schools, GSCGSL developed innovative programs which could be implemented through churches, community and youth centers. In 1976 a Day Camp in District 3 was established as a collaborative project with Ascension Episcopal Church; and

**WHEREAS**, District 3 increased its collaboration with community agencies in its role as advocate for youth. Issues involving healthcare, crime prevention, juvenile justice, troubled families, youth with disabilities, energy conservation, and environmental concerns received the attention and expertise of the Girl Scout Organization. In 1996 more than 70 administrative volunteers, council trainers and staff members attended District 3’s annual dinner meeting at the Salad Bowl Restaurant. This represents the commitment and involvement of those volunteers who lead and directed Girl Scouting in District 3; and

**WHEREAS**, through its flexibility and integrity, its concern for girls and caring adults, District 3 continues to demonstrate its relevance and vitality in a contemporary world. Girl Scouting was extended to homeless shelters, offered special summer programs and training opportunities for older girls and adults. Rally Day Outreach programs were implemented at facilities throughout the city of St. Louis to give girls an opportunity to learn about Girl Scouting. Today, Girl Scouting in District 3 builds girls of courage, confidence and character. Leaders and volunteers work to improve the quality of life for girls so they can discover their personal best, connect with others and take action to improve their communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri-District 3 and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th of November, 2014 by:

**Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 14th of November, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen