

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for over a century, Girl Scouting has inspired girls to lead with courage, confidence and character; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Movement began in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low, a native of Savannah, Georgia, organized a group of 18 culturally and ethnically diverse girls and provided for them an opportunity to develop physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Gordon Low was to bring together girls of all backgrounds to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness, and to prepare each girl for a future role as a professional woman and active citizen outside her home; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the inception of the Girl Scout Movement, it was decided that there should be special recognition for those girls who represented the very best of Girl Scouts; girls who, through their courage, tenacity, dedication, and skill, took action in their communities with an impact that was at once immediate and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, one hundred years ago in 1916, the Golden Eaglet recognition was introduced in celebration of these girls; and although the name changed over the years to the current "Gold Award," the conviction, dynamism, and idealism it takes to earn the highest award in Girl Scouting has not wavered; and


WHEREAS, the Gold Award, like the girls who earn them and the projects they undertake, stands as an enduring symbol of the fortitude and personal strength of a Girl Scout, demonstrating clearly the tangible, real-world impact that participating in Girl Scouts can have on a girl's life, and by extension, our community and our world; and

WHEREAS, with the Gold Award Centennial upon us, the Girl Scouts organization invites alumnae and supporters everywhere to "Celebrate 100 Years of Changing the World."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph W. Peel, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City, hereby acknowledge the remarkable impact that a century's worth of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients have had on American life and on our world, pay tribute to the lasting impact of their projects on their communities, congratulate the Girl Scouts and Gold Award recipients everywhere on the centennial of the Girl Scout Gold Award and proclaim July 2016 as *GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF COLONIAL COAST MONTH* in Elizabeth City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Elizabeth City to be affixed this 27th day of June, 2016.




JOSEPH W. PEEL, Mayor