



**Girl Scout Week
March 8-14, 2020**

City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 108th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most successful leadership program for girls in the world; and

WHEREAS, 2020 also marks the centennial of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, a seminal moment for girls and women in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, as the world's premier leadership development organization for girls, has emphasized public service, civic engagement, and fostering a sense of community in girls for over a century; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts works to champion the ambitions, cultivate the talents, and develop the skills of girls to be leaders in their own world, and in ours; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts combines time-tested, research-backed methods with exciting, modern programming that speaks to today's girls and is designed to cater to the strengths of girls' leadership development; 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 take the lead early and often; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award Girl Scouts already take on projects that have a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by first assessing a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and

WHEREAS, with more than 100 years of experience, Girl Scouts brings a wealth of knowledge to programs that deliver girls cornerstone experiences with benefits that last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alums, and 2.6 million girls and adults are current members;

NOW, THEREFORE, I John Bearrows, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of City of Rochelle, do hereby applaud the Girl Scout Movement for providing girls with a safe, inclusive, all-girl space where they can hone their skills and develop leadership abilities, and I declare March 8 – 14, 2020 to be "**Girl Scout Week.**"

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

