

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring “Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary” in Alachua County, Florida

- Whereas,** the Boy Scouts of America were incorporated on February 8, 1910 by Chicago publisher William Boyce, after being inspired by an English Boy Scout who guided him through a dense London fog and refused a tip, explaining that he was doing his *Good Turn* as a Scout; and
- Whereas,** the Boy Scouts of America was established to teach the boys of the United States patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values; and
- Whereas,** under the leadership of its founders, including Daniel Beard, the first National Scout Commissioner; Ernest Seton, the first Chief Scout; and Dr. James West, the first Chief Scout Executive, the national Scouting movement rapidly expanded throughout the United States; and
- Whereas,** more than 100 million boys have strived to uphold the Scout oath: “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight,” and
- Whereas,** the Scout Law defines that a Scout is “trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent,” and
- Whereas,** on August 12, 1912, the first Eagle Scout rank was presented to Arthur Eldred, and more than 2 million Scouts have since earned the Eagle Scout rank and more than 300 adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve young people in their communities each year through the Boy Scouts of America; and
- Whereas,** the vision of the Boy Scouts of America remains to prepare every eligible boy in the United States to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law; and
- Whereas,** this year, the Alachua District of the North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America is celebrating Scouting’s 100th anniversary with the theme “Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey”.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim August 10, 2010 as “Boys Scouts of America 100th Anniversary” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 10th day of August, A.D., 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. Irby, Clerk