

RESOLUTION #R10-01

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010, AS "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY"

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America, a volunteer organization, was incorporated by Chicago publishers William D. Boyce on February 8, 1910, after learning of the Scouting movement during a visit to London; and

Whereas, on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives met, developed organization plans, and opened a temporary national headquarters in New York; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to teach America's youth patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values; and

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America has and continues to live out its commitment to helping millions of youth succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live a happy and fulfilling life; and

Whereas, by 1912, Boy Scouts were enrolled in every state;

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

Whereas, each council commits each Scout to perform at least 12 hours of community service yearly, totaling more than 30,000,000 community service hours each year; and

Whereas, there have now been more than 111,000,000 members of Scouting, and the organization will present the 2 millionth Eagle Scout award in 2009; and

Whereas, more than 1 million adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve young people in their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America, and these men and women often neither receive nor seek the thanks of the public; and

Whereas, February 8, 2010, would be an appropriate day to designate as "Boy Scouts of America Day" in celebration of the BSA's 100th Anniversary; and

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop United States citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidence in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others and understand the principles of the United States social, economic, and governmental systems; take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people, and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to the American society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Aransas County Commissioners' Court supports designating **February 8, 2010, as "Boy Scouts of America Day"** in celebration of its 100th Anniversary.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND APPROVED in session by Aransas County Commissioners' Court on the **8th day of February, 2010.**

C.H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., County Judge

JACK CHANEY, Commissioner Pct. 1-1A

LESLIE CASTERLINE, Commissioner Pct. 2

CHARLES SMITH, Commissioner Pct. 3

HOWARD MURPH, Commissioner Pct. 4-4A

ATTEST:

PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, County Clerk