

Proclamation

WHEREAS: March 8 - 14, 2009 marks Girl Scout Week as designated by Girl Scouts of the USA, a movement founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS: throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired more than 50 million girls and women to strive for the highest ideals of courage, confidence and character; and

WHEREAS: through Girl Scouts, girls grow strong, gain self-confidence, develop leadership skills and learn the lifelong lesson of contributing back to their communities; and

WHEREAS: Girl Scouting helps girls achieve their potential by increasing awareness of opportunities which exist in the fields of math, science, sports, technology and other professional pursuits; and

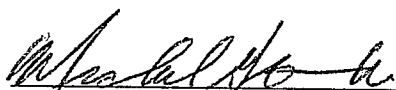
WHEREAS: the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey was formed in 2008 and is capably delivering the optimal Girl Scout experience to over 28,000 young women and adults in Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset, Union and Warren counties; and

WHEREAS: more than 3.8 million Girl Scouts nationwide, including in excess of 100,000 in the State of New Jersey, join in celebrating and rejoicing in this great American tradition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Michael Giordano, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield, do hereby proclaim the week of March 8 – 14, as

GIRL SCOUT WEEK

in the Borough of North Plainfield.



Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor

Presented: March 9, 2009



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WHEREAS: each year during the month of March, we formally recognize the American Red Cross and its essential humanitarian role in North Plainfield. We honor the role of the Red Cross contribution to making North Plainfield a better place. Every day, Red Cross volunteers and employees carry out the mission by providing essential services to people in their communities with the help of generous donors in North Plainfield; and


WHEREAS: for more than 90 years, North Plainfield residents have relied on the expertise of the American Red Cross in disaster relief. Each year the Tri-County Area Red Cross responds to an estimated 65 disasters in and near North Plainfield, including house or apartment fires, hurricanes and other natural and human caused disasters. The Tri-County Red Cross assisted more than 25,000 people in our area with shelter, food, clothing, disaster training, medical transportation and other life-saving services; and

WHEREAS: the Tri-County Red Cross in North Plainfield makes every effort to save lives long before tragedy strikes by helping individuals and entire communities learn to prepare for disasters. It prepares people to save lives through first aid and CPR training, water safety and use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to save victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Over the past year, nearly 10,000 people have enrolled in Health and Safety Courses with the Tri-County Red Cross. The Tri-County Red Cross also provides free disaster preparedness and response training to any resident or organization of North Plainfield, who is interested in learning how to help their neighbors in times of need; and

WHEREAS: under its charter, the American Red Cross is entrusted with providing volunteer aid in time of war to the sick and wounded of the armed forces. Staff members deploy with our Armed Forces to provide emergency communications and a caring presence to service men and women separated from their families. The Tri-County Red Cross has sent more than 2,500 emergency messages to active duty personnel and their families, and also reaches out to the members of the National Guard and Reserves and their families who reside in nearly every community in the 22 communities they serve in Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties; and

WHEREAS: without the help of North Plainfield volunteers, the Tri-County Red Cross would be unable to fulfill the humanitarian mission that is the cornerstone of the organization. We are grateful for the tireless work of the volunteers and employees of the Tri-County Red Cross in North Plainfield and during this month, we pay tribute to this remarkable organization and all those who have answered the call to serve a greater cause and offered support and healing in times of need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Giordano, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield, do hereby proclaim March 2009 as **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** and encourage all Americans, especially during this extraordinary time for our country, to support this organization's noble humanitarian mission,


Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
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