

PROCLAMATION

GIRL SCOUTS USA 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1912, the first Girl Scout meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this first meeting was led by Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts of the USA after visiting the founders of both Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in England; and

WHEREAS, since this first meeting more than 50 million girls have participated in the Girl Scout movement during their childhood; and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the USA continues to inspire, challenge, and empower young girls everywhere; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 19,000 girls and nearly 5,000 adult members in eastern Iowa and western Illinois and 3.2 million members in the USA; and

WHEREAS, through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is the largest, longest running and most effective leadership program for girls not only in the nation but the world; and

WHEREAS, 69% of the current women U.S. Senators and 65% of the women in the House of Representatives were Girl Scouts when they were girls; and

WHEREAS, 55% of all women astronauts are former Girl Scouts and former Girl Scouts have flown in more than 1/3 of all space shuttle missions; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 80% of women business executives and business owners were once Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, countless women educators, scientists, and women in the media and performing arts discovered their passions and talents as Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, 64% of today's female leaders listed in *Who's Who of American Women* in the United States were once Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts in the 1990s developed the same core values while earning housekeeping and forestry badges as girls today learn while earning computer technology and financial literacy; and

WHEREAS, we know that Girl Scouts develops girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, do hereby proclaim the week of March 11-17, 2012 as Girl Scouts Week in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 16th day of February, 2012.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

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Alexander G. Clark Week

WHEREAS, Alexander G. Clark (1826-1891) made Muscatine his hometown and principal residence from his 1842 arrival until his 1890 departure as United States ambassador to Monrovia, Liberia; and

WHEREAS, Alexander G. Clark was Iowa's leading champion of equal rights for over thirty years and gained a national reputation as church leader, lawyer, politician, and publisher, and;

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of the Emancipation Proclamation, Alexander G. Clark was an organizer and main recruiter for the First Iowa Regiment of African Descent (later 60th U.S. Colored Troops) and presented those soldiers the flag sewn for them by African-American women of Muscatine and Keokuk before the regiment deployed from St. Louis for Civil War service in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, at war's end Alexander G. Clark was elected president of the "colored" veterans' convention held in Davenport on October 31, 1865, and there addressed an audience of several hundred with a challenge to "ask the Legislature to do its duty and prepare the way for our approach to the ballot box"; and

WHEREAS, in response to the effort led by Alexander G. Clark, the Legislature in 1868 adopted and the citizens of Iowa ratified an amendment of the State Constitution that removed every instance of the word "white" as a limitation of rights; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine City Council in 2010 created the Alexander G. Clark Heritage District as an expression of our community's pride and a place for remembering our part in struggles for justice; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine Art Center is now presenting a special exhibit titled "Muscatine and the Civil War: A Sesquicentennial Commemoration" which is officially endorsed by the Iowa Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and which prominently displays the banner of Iowa's "colored" regiment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, do hereby proclaim the week of February 19-25, 2012, as Alexander G. Clark Week in the City of Muscatine, Iowa.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 16th day of February, 2012.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor