

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



## A Proclamation Declaring 2012 as the Year of the Girl and Celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting

**WHEREAS,** March 12, 2012, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, which began in 1912 when Savannah, GA native Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low gathered 18 girls to provide them the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and,

**WHEREAS,** for 100 years, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character who act to make the world a better place; and,

**WHEREAS,** today, more than 50 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae, 3.3 million girls and adult volunteers are active members, and Girl Scouts is the largest member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a global movement comprised of more than 10 million girls in 145 countries worldwide; and,

**WHEREAS,** the award winning Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place; and,

**WHEREAS,** 177 girls from North Kitsap and 60 dedicated adult volunteers are proud to be a part of the Girl Scout tradition in our community;

**WHEREAS,** Girl Scouts is committed to assuring that all girls can participate in Girl Scouts regardless of their financial circumstances;

**WHEREAS,** the Girl Scout program continues to evolve to address the changing societal challenges faced by our community through innovative programs such as Girl Scouts Fostering a Future which reaches girls living in foster or kinship care; Girl Scouts Beyond Bars which reaches girls whose parents are incarcerated ; Girl Scouts Skills for Life which serves girls who are living in public housing – often recent immigrants or refugees; and Girl Scouting in the School Day which partners with schools to reach girls from low-income schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington,  
do hereby proclaim 2012:

**“Year of the Girl”**

In the City of Poulsbo, and applaud the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for their 100 years of leadership and expertise as the voice for and of girls, the Girl Scouts of Western Washington for providing the local support for Girl Scouting in our community, and the Girl Scouts of our community for their courage, confidence, and character to act to make our world a better place.



Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012

  
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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor