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Dear Friends of Girl Scouts,

Following the decision by Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to change its program name and open its membership to girls, Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (GSMW) reasserts its commitment to providing an all-girl, girl-led, and girl-friendly environment.

Girl Scouts has been the premier girl leadership development organization and *the* girl expert for 106 years. There is no organization that more thoroughly understands the value of programming designed specifically for girls.

We know girls. Our mission, programming, and objectives revolve around their healthy development. We are actively helping today's girls unlock new skills and tap into their fullest potential. Girl Scouts develop the courage, confidence, and character they need to be tomorrow's leaders.

Since its inception, Girl Scouts has been putting girls front and center. We ensure that everything we do is with their best interests in mind and equips girls to be fearless leaders and change-makers. Girl Scouts has prepared girls with essential leadership skills and provided them with a supportive network of girls and women who can face any challenge, from the wilderness to the boardroom, with confidence, compassion, and success. Our focus has always been and always will be *girls*.

We know there is plenty of work to be done by the Girl Scouts organization to educate people and dispel myths. For example, there are people who still think of Girl Scouts as campfires, cookies and friendship bracelets—but we are so much more! Today's Girl Scouts start garage bands, build robots and do service projects in our National Parks. We offer exciting, challenging programs that allow girls to take the lead in a range of activities—from kayaking and archery to outdoor survival and camping. From STEM and robotics to financial literacy training, girls have the opportunity to be **G.I.R.L.s** (**Go-getters**, **Innovators**, **Risk-takers**, and **Leaders**) in a supportive, encouraging environment where they feel safe.

We stand firmly in our conviction that girls need their own girl-only opportunities that have been designed by and for them. Girl Scouts remains committed to serving all girls. We proudly keep the "girl" in Girl Scouts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally J. Leep".

Sally J. Leep
Chief Executive Officer

**Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character,
who make the world a better place.**