Greetings, Girl Scouts!

This week, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) celebrated our 108th birthday! Since our founding by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, Girl Scouts have lived by our motto—“be prepared.” As a Movement, we support one another and the girls we serve to learn what it means to be personally prepared and ready to be of service to their communities during challenging times, like the one we’re experiencing now due to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The safety and well-being of Girl Scouts, as well as that of their families, our volunteers, staff, and other supporters, are of paramount importance to all of us. GSUSA has been monitoring and acting on the information from public health experts at the world, federal, and state levels. We have been working with our 111 regional councils and USA Girl Scouts Overseas to support our members, especially girls, during this time. As girls likely have questions, I encourage you to https://www.girlscouts.org/en/raising-girls.html that follows for guidance on how to talk to your kids about this situation.

I have been encouraged by the stories of Girl Scout troops that have been donating cookies to their school nurses and custodians, and others on the frontlines in their communities as thanks for helping keep everyone safe.

It is at times like these that girls, and the world, need more Girl Scouting and we show our strength as a Movement. In our 108 years, we have weathered many challenges and come out stronger as an organization. This is the moment when Girl Scouts show their leadership, and how they are girls of courage, confidence, and character, who are making our world a better place.

I continue to be grateful for everything that you and our Movement’s members do to bring our mission to life.

Take care, and thank you!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

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