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**ALOHA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND GIRL SCOUTS OF HAWAI'I
TEAM UP FOR "SCOUTING FOR VOTES" INITIATIVE**

HONOLULU (FINAL) – The Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of Hawai'i are joining forces to support a worthy cause—encouraging voter registration. On October 1, 2016, both councils will be holding voter registration rallies at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Windward Mall Center Court for their joint community project titled "Scouting for Votes."

Last election, Hawai'i hit a record low in voter turnout. Longtime Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America board members James W.Y. Wong and Dr. John Henry Felix championed the cause to have Hawai'i scouts lead the way to get the word out on registering. As distinguished members of the Hawai'i community, Wong and Felix view the electoral process as a freedom not to be trifled with. "By educating the public on the steps to vote, young people see that every person's voice counts—an empowering concept if taught early on," said Felix.

"The privilege of casting a vote is intrinsic to American society," said Shari Chang, CEO of Girl Scouts of Hawai'i. "We hope that through the collective efforts of the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i and Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, we will successfully increase the number of Hawai'i State residents who are registered to vote."

At the October 1 voter registration rallies, scouts will provide valuable information on how to register to vote in the upcoming 2016 General Election on November 8.

For questions regarding how to cast your vote, call (808) 453-VOTE (8683) on Oahu or toll free from the neighbor islands at (800) 422-VOTE (8683).

About Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America

"Prepared. For Life." is a mission of Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America to instill

values in each boy and girl in the program so they may grow to become responsible, participating citizens and leaders in their community and of the world. Aloha Council was established in Hawai'i over a century ago in 1910 and currently serves 12,000 young people and over 4,000 volunteers on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii Island, Guam and American Samoa. For more information on Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, visit www.ScoutingHawaii.org.

About Girl Scouts of Hawai'i

Supporting almost 5,000 girl and adult members statewide, the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i (GSH) builds girls of courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place. GSH's headquarters is located on the island of O'ahu, with three neighbor island service centers on the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui. GSH is chartered by the national office, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and is responsible for the leadership, administration and supervision of Girl Scout programs in the state of Hawai'i. For more information about GSH, visit www.girlscouts-hawaii.org or call (808) 595-8400.

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