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## First Lady Michelle Obama Becomes National Honorary President of Girl Scouts of the USA

Baltimore— In a tradition stretching back to 1929, when First Lady Lou Henry Hoover became the first Honorary National President of the Girl Scouting movement, First Lady Michelle Obama has agreed to serve as its Honorary National President. “It is my great pleasure to serve as Honorary National President of Girl Scouts,” said Mrs. Obama. “Girl Scouts is preparing the women of tomorrow to be a positive force for change – in their own lives, their communities, and across the globe.”

“Girl Scouts is excited to work with the First Lady’s office to ensure that all girls can overcome the challenges they face, and that they have the skills, resources and opportunities they need to become strong, independent young leaders,” said Kathy Cloninger, Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of USA. Girl Scouts plan to work with the First Lady on areas of mutual concern, such as healthy living, public service and leadership.

“The First Lady is a passionate, brilliant and inspirational woman – a fantastic role model for girls across the country. We look forward to an active and mutually rewarding partnership on issues important to girls’ lives,” said Connie Lindsey, Girl Scouts of the USA National Board Chair.

“Mrs. Obama’s presence in the White House has already had an immeasurable impact on the lives of many girls,” said Traci A. Barnett, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland CEO. “As the Honorary National President for the largest organization dedicated solely to the well-being of girls, Mrs. Obama can now, not only inspire girls, but play a role in shaping programs that will impact girls for generations to come.”

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*Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland serves 30,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties providing programs and activities that allow them to Discover, Connect and Take Action.*

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