

Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

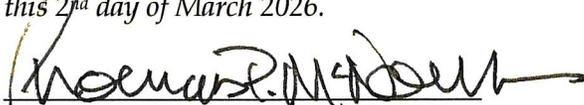
- WHEREAS, *March 12, 2026, marks the 114th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and*
- WHEREAS, *as one of the world's premier youth leadership development organizations, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service, civic engagement, and fostering a sense of community for over a century; and*
- WHEREAS, *Girl Scouts works to champion ambitions, cultivate talents, and develop skills to create leaders in the world; and*
- WHEREAS, *the Girl Scouts offers 21st century programming in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the outdoors; entrepreneurship; and beyond, developing invaluable life skills; and*
- WHEREAS, *introduced over a century ago, the Girl Scout Cookie Program remains the largest and most successful youth-led business in the world; and*
- WHEREAS, *the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, the highest honors Girl Scouts in grades 4 through 12 can earn, acknowledge each recipient's power and dedication to not only bettering themselves, but to making the world a better place for others through sustainable "Take Action" projects; and*
- WHEREAS, *Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois serves over 9,000 young members and engages over 4,000 adult members in 16 counties in Northern Illinois;*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS P. MCNAMARA, as Mayor of the City of Rockford do hereby proclaim March 8th through March 14th, 2026, to be:

"GIRL SCOUT WEEK"

in Rockford, Illinois and encourage all citizens to applaud the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the continued advancement of their members in their roles as leaders.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Rockford to be affixed this 2nd day of March 2026.


MAYOR THOMAS P. MCNAMARA
CITY OF ROCKFORD