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Children, Domestic Animals and Good Samaritans Now Safer Because of Local Girl Scouts

Governor Kate Brown to ceremonially sign ‘Good Samaritan’ Law with Troop 10037 on Tuesday, November 7

Salem, OR—Governor Kate Brown will ceremonially sign Oregon’s new ‘Good Samaritan’ law today, Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 1:10 p.m. (PST). Representatives from Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington, the Oregon Legislature and the Oregon Humane Society will be present for the signing.

The law provides that a person who enters a motor vehicle to remove a child or domestic animal in imminent danger of suffering harm is not subject to criminal or civil liability. The new law went into effect on June 22, 2017.

Young members of Girl Scout Troop 10037 in the Salem area proposed the legislation. Rep. Brian Clem (D-Salem)—father of one of the Girl Scouts—authored and introduced House Bill (HB) 2732.

“We are enormously proud of all of the hard work our girls put in, including testifying in the House and Senate committee hearings that contributed to the passage of HB 2732,” said Girl Scout Troop 10037 Co-Leader, Carol Suzuki. “We really try to support our girls in standing up for issues and causes that are important to them,” said Girl Scout Troop 10037 Co-Leader, Mckenzie Farrell.

In addition to ceremonially signing the ‘Good Samaritan’ law, Governor Brown will also join Girl Scout Troop 10037 Co-Leaders in presenting the girls with their “Inside Government” badge, which they earned through their efforts regarding HB 2732. The girls completed five key steps in pursuit of this badge, including deciding what being an active citizen means to them, learning how lawmaking and governance work, and getting involved community government. Troop 10037 took the challenge further than most with HB 2732.

“Cultivating compassion, initiative, and leadership are hallmarks of the Girl Scouts,” said Governor Kate Brown. “By encouraging and mentoring girls at such a pivotal stage, we’re showing girls a path to pursuing their dreams, while instilling the value of civic engagement to support a new generation of leaders throughout Oregon.”

“This is such a shining example of what Girl Scouting is all about,” said Karen Hill, Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington. “These young women saw a need and took the lead to create positive change in Oregon.”

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G.I.R.L. Agenda—*Girls Scouts' NEW Civic Engagement Program!*

In early October, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. launched the G.I.R.L. Agenda, a nonpartisan initiative powered by Girl Scouts to inspire, prepare, and mobilize girls to lead positive change through civic action. To learn more, please visit <http://www.girlscouts.org/girlagenda>.

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Girls Scouts' History of Civic Engagement

Since its founding in 1912, Girl Scouts has emphasized the importance of being civically engaged, by teaching and encouraging girls to create positive change in their communities through advocacy and action. Girl Scouts learn to stand up for what they believe in, identify issues they care about, and develop leadership skills to make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts has a century of success which is reflected in the realm of public service by the fact that 76 percent of female U.S. Senators and 100 percent of U.S. Secretaries of State are Girl Scout alumnae.

About Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington

Our council serves 13,955 girls in 37 counties with the help of nearly 10,000 volunteers. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Every opportunity in Girl Scouting develops these essential skills in an all-girl, inclusive, safe environment. For information, please visit girlscoutsosw.org.

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