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### AN ACT INSTITUTING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known and cited as the “Girl  
2   Scouts of the Philippines Charter of 2009”.

3           SEC. 2. *Incorporation.* – The “Girl Scouts of the Philippines”,  
4   hereinafter called the Corporation, with principal office in Metropolitan  
5   Manila, Philippines, is hereby recognized and known as a juridical entity duly  
6   organized and incorporated by Concepcion R. Gonzalez, Trinidad F. Legarda,  
7   Emilia Q. Lim, Concepcion M. Gil, Marina Y. Vargas, Pilar Hidalgo Lim,

1 Josefa Llanes Escoda, Helena Z. Benitez, Maria Aurora Quezon, Lulu Reyes,  
2 Lily de las Alas, Leni Alano, Erlinda Kalaw, Betty Magalona, Lourdes  
3 Ledesma, Minerva G. Laudico, all of Manila, Philippines, their associates and  
4 successors.

5       SEC. 3. *Corporate Powers.* – The said Corporation shall have  
6 *perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued; to acquire, hold and*  
7 *convey such real and personal estate, rights and choses in action as shall be*  
8 *necessary for corporate purposes, and to receive funds, real and personal*  
9 *property by gift, devise, bequest or other means; to adopt a seal; to have offices*  
10 *and conduct its business and affairs in the Metropolitan Manila area and in the*  
11 *provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays of the Philippines; to make and*  
12 *adopt bylaws, and generally do all acts and exercise all powers of a corporation*  
13 *under existing pertinent laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the*  
14 *provisions of this Act and promote the purpose of said Corporation.*

15       SEC. 4. *Vision and Mission.* – The Corporation envisions the Filipino  
16 girl and young woman as God-loving, patriotic, progressive, dynamic and pro-  
17 active. The mission of this Corporation is to help girls and young women  
18 realize the ideals of womanhood and prepare themselves for their  
19 responsibilities in the home, the nation and the world community. To carry out  
20 the mission, the Corporation shall be the directing and coordinating head of the  
21 Girl Scout Movement in the Philippines, and shall fix and maintain standards  
22 which will inspire every generation with the highest ideals of citizenship,  
23 character, conduct, attainment and international understanding.

24       SEC. 5. *Nature and Purpose.* – The Girl Scouts of the Philippines is  
25 nonstock, nonprofit, nonsectarian, nonpolitical, independent and voluntary but  
26 it shall willingly cooperate with other entities, public and private, whose ideals  
27 and procedures are in accord with those conferred or authorized by this Act.

1           SEC. 6. *Central Board* – (a) The governing body of the Corporation  
2 shall be vested in a Central Board composed of at least thirty-seven (37)  
3 members but not more than forty-seven (47) members, as prescribed in the  
4 bylaws, as follows:

5           (1) Eight (8) Charter/Life members;

6           (2) The regional chairpersons of the Girl Scout Regions of the  
7 Philippines who shall be elected by their respective regions;

8           (3) The National President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines;

9           (4) The immediate past National President of the Girl Scouts of the  
10 Philippines;

11           (5) One (1) senior Girl Scout/Cadet or young adult from each Girl  
12 Scout region to represent the girl membership, who shall be elected by the Girl  
13 Scouts of each region; and

14           (6) The remaining members shall be the members-at-large, who shall  
15 be elected by the National Council from a list submitted by the Nominating  
16 Committee from nominees of Provincial/City Councils Regional Committees  
17 and National Committees.

18           The Central Board shall have the power to make and to amend the  
19 Constitution and bylaws of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines subject to  
20 ratification by the National Council, to create standing and special committees  
21 and to provide policies and procedures as may be necessary to carry out the  
22 business of the Corporation.

23           It shall meet regularly at least twice a year. The number necessary to  
24 constitute a quorum, which number may be less than a majority of the whole  
25 number of the Board, shall be fixed by the bylaws.

26           The members of the Central Board shall serve for a term of three (3)  
27 years or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. In case of  
28 inability of a member to assume office or when any vacancy occurs by reason

1 of death, resignation or incapacity, the position shall be filled by the candidate  
2 who received the next highest number of votes in the preceding election.

3 The Central Board shall elect from among themselves the national  
4 officers of the Corporation, to wit: the National President, the First National  
5 Vice President, the Second National Vice President, the National Secretary, the  
6 National Treasurer, the Assistant National Secretary, the Assistant National  
7 Treasurer and such other officers as the Central Board may deem necessary.

8 (b) A woman President of the Philippines or the First Lady of the  
9 Philippines shall be the Chief Girl Scout of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

10 *SEC. 7. National Executive Committee.* – There shall be a National  
11 Executive Committee composed of all the officers and chairpersons of standing  
12 committees which shall be responsible for implementing the policies and  
13 decisions of the National Council and the Central Board.

14 *SEC. 8. National Council.* – There shall be a National Council which  
15 shall serve as a forum for guidelines, directions and evaluation of the Girl  
16 Scout Movement. It shall be composed of the members of the Central Board  
17 and the Presidents of the Girl Scout Councils or their duly designated  
18 representatives, and such number of elected delegates from each Council as  
19 may be prescribed in the bylaws.

20 The National Council shall convene once every three (3) years in a  
21 convention assembled for the purpose. Special conventions may be called. The  
22 number of delegates to constitute a quorum in both conventions, as well as the  
23 time, place and manner of holding the same, shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

24 The National Council shall elect the members-at-large of the Central  
25 Board; ratify amendments to the Constitution and bylaws of the Girl Scouts of  
26 the Philippines by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members present and voting;  
27 serve as a forum for guidelines, policies and directions; and consider such  
28 matters as may come before the convention.

1           SEC. 9. *Girl Scout Symbols/Trademarks.* – The Corporation shall adopt  
2 distinctive badges, uniforms, insignias and other equipment which shall be  
3 made available to and used only by registered Girl Scouts or officials who have  
4 satisfactorily complied with the international requirements prescribed by the  
5 World Bureau of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts  
6 (WAGGGS) and which the Girl Scouts of the Philippines shall use in carrying  
7 out its program in accordance with the purpose of this Act. The Corporation  
8 shall cause the registration of said badges, uniforms, insignias and other  
9 equipment in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8293,  
10 otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, as  
11 amended. The Intellectual Property Office is hereby directed to cause said  
12 registration free of charge.

13           SEC. 10. *Fiscal Incentives.* – The Corporation shall be entitled to the  
14 following tax incentives and duty privileges:

15           (a) Exemption from income tax pursuant to Section 30(E), (G) and  
16 (H) of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended;

17           (b) Tax and/or duty exemption of donations from foreign countries as  
18 provided under relevant laws such as, but not limited to, Section 105 of the  
19 Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and Section 109(K)  
20 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

21           Likewise, all donations, legacies and gifts to the Girl Scouts of the  
22 Philippines to support its purposes and objectives as embodied in this Act  
23 shall, under Section 101(A) (3) of the National Internal Revenue Code of  
24 1997, as amended, be exempt from donor's tax and shall be deductible from  
25 the gross income of the donor for income tax purposes, and such donations,  
26 legacies and gifts shall be expended by the Central Board in pursuance of this  
27 Act.

1           The Corporation shall likewise be exempt from payment of all other  
2 taxes, duties, imposts and other charges.

3           (c) Exemption from real property taxes.

4           SEC. 11. *Penal Clause.* – It shall be unlawful for any person within the  
5 jurisdiction of the Philippines to falsely and fraudulently call herself or  
6 represent herself to be a member of, or an agent for, the Girl Scouts of the  
7 Philippines. Any person who falsely and fraudulently call herself or represent  
8 herself to be a member of, or an agent for, the Girl Scouts of the Philippines  
9 shall be punished by *prision correccional* in its minimum period or a fine not  
10 exceeding Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of  
11 the court.

12           It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, distribute, use,  
13 apply, feature, portray or cause to be manufactured, sold, distributed, applied,  
14 featured or portrayed fraudulently or without the official knowledge and  
15 written approval of the Central Board of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines  
16 badges, uniforms, insignias or scouting paraphernalia, or the photos or visuals  
17 of a Girl Scout or Girl Scouts in uniform, or the logo, seal or corporate name  
18 of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines in any print and radio or television  
19 commercial, billboard, collateral material or any form of advertisement; or to  
20 use the name of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines for any illegal purpose or  
21 personal gain. Any violation thereof shall be punished by *prision correccional*  
22 in its medium period to *prision mayor* in its minimum period or a fine of not  
23 less than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) nor more than Five hundred  
24 thousand pesos (P500,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the court: *Provided,*  
25 *That in case of corporations, partnerships, associations, societies or companies,*  
26 *the President, the Chief Executive Officer, the Managing Partner, the*  
27 *Chairman of the Board, the General Manager, the Administrator or the person*  
28 *in charge of the management or administration of the business shall be*

1 criminally responsible for any such violation. These penalties shall be without  
2 prejudice to the proper civil action for recovery of civil damages, which may  
3 be instituted together with or independently of the criminal prosecution.

4 SEC. 12. *Transitory Provisions.* – Until such time as the reorganization  
5 and restructuring of the Central Board in accordance with Section 6 hereof is  
6 effected, the present administrative setup shall be maintained to conduct the  
7 affairs of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines and to take the necessary steps to  
8 effect the reorganization within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.

9 SEC. 13. *Dissolution.* – In the event that the Girl Scouts of the  
10 Philippines is dissolved in any manner provided for by law, the properties and  
11 assets thereof shall be conveyed and transferred to a Girl Scouts of the  
12 Philippines' Foundation organized for the purpose consistent with this Act and  
13 to be formed by the incumbent members of the Central Board at the time of  
14 such dissolution.

15 SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.* – In the event that any provision of this  
16 Act is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected  
17 by such declaration shall continue to be in full force and effect.

18 SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.* – Commonwealth Act No. 542, as  
19 amended by Republic Act No. 4375, Presidential Decree No. 720 and  
20 Executive Order No. 267 (series of 1991) and the provisions of Executive  
21 Order No. 495 (series of 1992) as it applies to the Girl Scouts of the  
22 Philippines are hereby repealed. All other laws, decrees, executive orders or  
23 rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the  
24 provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

25 SEC. 16. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
26 days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,