BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America has developed and endorsed the 2011-2015 National Council Strategic Plan (the Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Research and Innovation Department, in association with volunteer-led task forces, is responsible and accountable for the management of and attainment of certain goals within the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Plan Goal 411 calls for a "thorough program review and assessment" of the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing programs in order to improve such programs and assure that they are "appealing, exciting, and culturally relevant to today's youth and families"; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Boy Scouts of Americas is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, such volunteer-led task forces have determined that it is in the best interests of the Boy Scouts of America, the young people participating in its programs, and the United States of America that all participants develop an understanding of and subscription to the Scout Oath or Promise and Law at the earliest possible age and over the full span of BSA program offerings; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of BSA recommends the approval of the following changes to the Charter and Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America by the Executive Board;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Charter and Bylaws, ARTICLE X. PROGRAM, Section 1, paragraph 3:

> In all activities, emphasis shall be placed upon practice in daily life of the principles of the Tiger Cub Promise, the Cub Scout Promise, the Scout Oath or Promise, and the Venturing Code.
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> Shall be MODIFIED TO read:
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> In all activities, emphasis shall be placed upon practice in daily life of the principles of the Scout Oath or Promise.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Rules and Regulations, ARTICLE IX. PRINCIPLES, POLICIES, AND DEFINITIONS, *Clause 3*:

Clause 3. All Boy Scouts must know and subscribe to the Scout Oath or Promise and Law, as follows:

Shall be MODIFIED TO read:

Clause 3. All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts must know and subscribe to the Scout Oath or Promise and Law, as follows:

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Rules and Regulations, ARTICLE IX. PRINCIPLES, POLICIES, AND DEFINITIONS, *Clause 4* referring to the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack shall be DELETED, and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Rules and Regulations, ARTICLE IX. PRINCIPLES, POLICIES, AND DEFINITIONS, *Clause 5* referring to the Venturing Oath and Code shall be DELETED, and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that these changes will become effective with the release of youth handbooks and leader aids supporting this and other changes related to Strategic Plan Goal 411; approximately January 1, 2014 for Venturing-related changes and May 15, 2015 for Cub Scout and Boy Scout-related changes.