



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**MIKE BEEBE**  
**GOVERNOR**

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It gives me great pleasure to join the Boy Scouts of America in celebrating 100 years of preparing young people to become tomorrow's leaders through self-reliance and community service. The Boy Scouts' pledge "to help other people at all times" has inspired generations of Scouts across our nation, contributing to the betterment of their communities and using their talents and skills to promote goodwill.

Since its inception in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been dedicated to the principles of responsibility, citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. I commend the members of the BSA for supporting those in need, developing resourcefulness, gaining life-long skills, and cultivating pride in working as individuals and as part of a larger group. Every Scout can take great pride in being a member of an organization that teaches leadership, confidence, and citizenship, one that guides young men toward becoming responsible, caring adults. As Scouts volunteer in community service projects and work to help others, they have the opportunity to gather invaluable life skills that will serve them well in becoming the best that they can be.

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, I congratulate all of the members of the Boy Scouts, its volunteers, and families, past and present, for attaining this important milestone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Beebe".

Mike Beebe

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