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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to everyone who is busy preparing for the upcoming Boy Scout Centennial Anniversary, which takes place in 2010, entitled *100 Years of Scouting: Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey*.

We all recognize and value those organizations that understand the importance of preparing our youth for today's challenging world. For very close to a century now, Boy Scouts of America has been providing young men with outstanding opportunities that have maximized their talents and abilities and enabled them to become confident, responsible adults.

Reflecting the vision of your early founders who established the Nation's first Scout camp here in New York on Lake George, all the councils in the Empire State continue to offer an impressive array of activities that teach new skills, foster respect for one's self and for others, and emphasize community service – while having fun and forming lasting friendships.

As you get ready for what will be a most memorable year of festivities, in celebration of the *100th Anniversary* of this esteemed and highly-respected organization, I commend and salute this effort. I am certain that the rewarding experience of Scouting will be even more extraordinary and purposeful in this special year.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for a most successful milestone commemoration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Paterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David A. Paterson