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Dear Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma Volunteers and Members:

We are pleased to announce that our council is working with Girl Scouts of the USA again this cookie season to provide guidance for Girl Scout Troops and groups who hold booth sales in front of Walmart and Sam's Club stores. This document is your copy of the rules the Girl Scouts have agreed to with Walmart. Our council has signed off on these rules and has them on file with selected Walmart and Sam's club stores in our jurisdiction, and we have agreed to ensure the information is communicated to all volunteers and members participating in local booth sales in front of Walmart and Sam's Club stores:

- 1. Approved Dates and Times** – This Notice is in effect for the 2020 Girl Scouts Cookie Sales Campaign Period commencing on January 2, 2020 and concluding on April 30, 2020. **Under no circumstance will it be permissible for Girl Scouts to set up cookie sales booths prior to the Campaign start date or following the Campaign end date.** The daily hours during which the Girl Scouts will be permitted to set up and maintain cookie sales booths lies within the discretion of the management of the individual Walmart and Sam's Club locations, but will not extend beyond the store's or club's hours of business. **(For Eastern Oklahoma the approved booth sales dates are February 14 - March 22, 2020).**
- 2. Designated Area** – During the Campaign Period referenced above, the Local Council may place one (1) cookie sales booth or table, approved signage, and up to six Girl Scout members per booth (and there may be booths placed at each entrance based on agreement with Walmart or Sam's Club local management). Booths must be located at least 15 feet from the entrances to and exits from the facility, to allow for safe ingress/egress. Store management reserves the right to change the designated area for the sales booth as necessary for the safety of shoppers. There must be at least two supervising adult Girl Scout staff or volunteer at each permitted sale booth. *Girl Scout members, supervising adult staff, and/or volunteers may not solicit or distribute literature inside the facility, including in any lobby or vestibule, at any time.*
- 3. Expectations for Girl Scout Members, Staff, and Volunteers** – Each Girl Scout member, supervising adult staff, and volunteer must adhere to the expectations set out in the Agreement with respect to appropriate behavior and appearance; the setting up and manning of the cookie sales booths; interaction with Walmart or Sam's Club shoppers; and dealing with inquires or requests from local media. In addition to those expectations, members, supervising adult staff, and volunteers may not communicate verbally or in writing any message on Walmart or Sam's Club property that contains or depicts violence, obscenities, pornography, gross or gruesome scenes, racial or ethnic slurs, or inflammatory slogans likely to provoke a disturbance. This restriction applies to all forms of oral communications, body gestures, signs, posters, placards, displays, handbills, or written material.
- 4. Compliance with Direction Given by Walmart and Sam's Club Management** – All Girl Scout members, supervising adult staff and volunteers must comply with all requests from store and club management – for example, moving cookie sales booth locations. Store and club management also have the discretion to remove any member, supervising adult staff, or volunteer from the premises for violation of any of the rules and guidelines in this Notice and those set out further in the Agreement. At no point should a Girl Scout member, supervising adult staff, or volunteer attempt to challenge the direction given by the store or club manager, or his or her designee. If issues arise, the member, supervising adult staff, or volunteer should immediately contact his or her Girl Scout supervisor.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership this cookie season.

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