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Resilience. *“The capacity to recover from difficulties; toughness.”* This describes well how Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma (GSEOK) members persevered through the challenges of 2021. Our girls, their families, our volunteers and staff members’ ability to withstand adversity and bounce back from the difficult events they experienced was nothing short of impressive and inspirational.

Being resilient doesn’t mean they didn’t feel stressed or disappointed, as staff adapted to different ways of delivering the mission, and girls and volunteers altered how they gathered safely, kept their sense of girl community strong and regularly shifted plans in response to the pandemic. As resilient people do, *as Girl Scouts do*, they tapped into their strengths and support systems to overcome obstacles and work through problems.

They continued to aim high, pursuing success and excellence; learning new skills and earning badges, navigating the outdoors and experiencing adventure, pivoting to new Cookie Program strategies and finding ways to serve those in the community hit hardest by the pandemic. GSEOK and its members were aided and uplifted at every turn by generous donors, funders, and supporters in communities throughout the service area. To each and every one of you, we give heart-felt thanks.

Last year, Girl Scouts across the board were tested in ways more difficult than at any time in recent memory. Their response was to encourage each other and rise to challenges in spectacular fashion. They. Were. Resilient. I hope that is how their 2021 year will be celebrated and remembered.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Regina Moon
President and CEO

