

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 17 – 18, 2012**

**Resolution No. 57: Boy Scouts of America
Origin: Americanism Commission
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WHEREAS, The December 2011 change to the charter of The American Legion created the need to examine and edit language within certain resolutions of the organization in order to bring a resolution into compliance with the Charter, and gave opportunity to correct deficiencies in other resolutions, the subject herein being one as originally set out in Res. 32, NEC, October 1989; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America is an organization that was incorporated in 1910 and recognized by federal charter in 1916 to provide an educational program for boys and young men to build character, train in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship, and develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion voiced its support of the Boy Scouts of America at its first national convention in 1919, thereby making it the first recognized national youth activity of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America teaches the core values of duty to God and country, personal honor, respect for the beliefs of others, volunteerism, and interdependence with the environment, principles which are conducive to good character, citizenship, and health; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion encourages its posts to continue their support for Scouting as a primary part of their service to God and country, their community, their state, and their nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has served as a chartering partner and strongly expressed its steadfast support and endorsement of The Boy Scouts of America since 1919; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion currently charters over 2,500 Scouting units which serve approximately 68,000 young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 17-18, 2012, That The American Legion encourages posts, districts and departments to cooperate with the Boy Scouts of America in their effort to inform The American Legion at all levels of the merits of Scouting by allowing Boy Scout officials to attend post, district and department meetings to explain the Scouting experience; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That all levels of The American Legion are encouraged to support and endorse the Scouting movement by cooperating with the Boy Scouts of America in continuing to provide a program to assist our young people develop skills and maintain values that help ensure our nation's future.