



# PROPOSAL FOR 2020 NATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Name of Girl Scout Council	
Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana	
City	State
Louisville	Kentucky

#### **TITLE OF PROPOSAL**

Constitutional Amendment to allow for special sessions of the NCS to be held by electronic means.

## **STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL (in the form of a motion)**

TO Amend Article V, Section 4, of the Constitution as follows:

#### **Current Wording**

Two hundred members of the National Council present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at sessions of the National Council, provided, however, that delegates are present from one or more local councils in a majority of the geographical areas of the country as defined in the Bylaws. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of those present at the time and place set for a session may take an adjournment from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

## **Proposed Amendment**

Two hundred members of the National Council present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at regular sessions of the National Council. Two hundred members of the National Council present either in person or via electronic means consistent with parliamentary rules for electronic meetings shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at special sessions of the National Council. Additionally, a quorum for a regular or special session requires provided, however, that delegates are present from one or more local councils in a majority of the geographical areas of the country as defined in the Bylaws. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of those present at the time and place set for a session may take an adjournment from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

## If Adopted, Will Read:

Two hundred members of the National Council present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at regular sessions of the National Council. Two hundred members of the National Council present either in person or via electronic means consistent with parliamentary for electronic meetings shall constitute a guorum for the transaction of business at special sessions of the National Council. Additionally, a quorum for a regular or special session requires that delegates are present from one or more local councils in a majority of the geographical areas of the country as defined in the Bylaws. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of those present at the time and place set for a session may take an adjournment from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

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#### **REASONS**

The preamble to the Constitution of the Girl Scouts of the USA states: "The ultimate responsibility for the Girl Scout Movement rests with its members. We govern by an efficient and effective democratic process that demonstrates our leadership in a fast-changing world."

However, despite this core value, our governance system is neither an efficient nor effective democratic process if the rules of the organization prevent cost-effective measure for bringing together a special session of the National