



Agenda Item Identification Code
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Agenda Item Submission Form 58th National Council Session

Name of Girl Scout Council(s) **GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL INDIANA**

City **INDIANAPOLIS**

State **INDIANA**

If a group of councils is submitting a single agenda item, all councils must be listed on this form.

Is this council(s) submitting a Discussion Topic or Proposal? **PROPOSAL**

Is this a draft or a final submission? **FINAL**

Write the following information exactly as the council wishes it to appear in the *Workbook* if accepted for the agenda.

TITLE OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC:

PRIORITIZING GIRLS' PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE

(Proposals should be written in the form of a motion)

THAT THE GIRL SCOUT LAW BE AMENDED TO READ:

I will do my best to be:

honest and fair,

friendly and helpful,

courageous and strong,

and responsible for what I say and do,

and to

respect myself and others,

respect authority,

prioritize my physical and mental health,

use resources wisely,

make the world a better place,

and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

REASONS:

1. What is the issue the discussion topic or proposal is trying to address? *This proposal shows our commitment to girls' physical and mental health among the highest priorities of our movement. As Girl Scouts, we promise to live by the law and this would include girls' health among our most important priorities.*
2. Are there other ways to address this issue? *Including a focus on health in the law demonstrates commitment and focus beyond programming and marketing; it needs to be more than a pillar of the movement that may change over time. The way to make girl's health a permanent priority is to add it to the law.*
3. How does this proposal improve Movement governance or policy? OR How does this discussion topic inform Movement strategy? *Including girls' health in the Girl Scout law allows our Movement to proclaim this priority and use it as the foundation for health focused data collection, programing, fundraising, and lobbying on behalf of girls.*
4. Does this agenda item have Movement-wide significance? Does it apply to all councils? *Yes, this proposal applies to all Girl Scouts in all councils.*
5. Is this agenda item time-sensitive? What happens if it is not addressed at NCS 58? *Girls' mental and physical health is one of the most urgent issues facing girls in the U.S. today. As a Movement, we cannot proclaim to be the voice of girls and to best understand know girls' unique needs if we are ignoring their physical and mental health.*

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

Indicate the projected expenditure and impact on resources for councils and the national organization, for a five (5) year period.

[Although the expenditure of resources for a change in the Girl Scout law would not be projected to have a material financial impact, we recognize that materials containing the law would need to be reissued and/or reprinted. The GSUSA and all council websites would need to be updated. The bigger impact would be on programming development to ensure programming relating to girls physical and mental health is a priority.]

Signature and Printed Name of chair, council board of directors Date of council board meeting



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Open Comment and Collaboration Period: April 7-May 14, 2025

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Final Submission Deadline: May 30, 2025

Final submissions, signed off by your council(s) board chair must be emailed to BoardOffice@girlscouts.org, copying abeck@girlscouts.org, with the subject line: Final Agenda Item from [INSERT COUNCIL(S)].

If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page.