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Dear Girl Scout Family,

As your Board Chair, I am proud to announce that our Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada CEO, Julia Ratti, was chosen by Girl Scouts of the USA in New York City to be part of a new department beginning in February.

Since joining our family in July of 2010, Julia has made an incredible impact on our girl movement, right here in the Sierras.

Her new position with the national organization will be a Council Advisor, working as a connector and partner for Girl Scout council CEOs and leadership teams, among a network of 112 councils.

Her selection speaks to the fact that our “Biggest Little Council” has been highly successful, a proven result of Julia’s leadership and stewardship over the past five years.

And not to worry! She is leaving our family in excellent hands. Among our senior leadership team, GSSN has 30+ years in Girl Scouting, and we’ve hired the very talented Denise Stewart as our Interim CEO.

Welcome Ms. Stewart!



Beginning in 1984, Denise Stewart’s professional career has spanned virtually every aspect of the Girl Scout Program. Beginning in outdoor program and properties, she worked her way through membership and volunteerism before taking the reigns as CEO of Girl Scouts of Otahki Council in 1994.

During the national realignment, her management skills were crucial as five legacy councils were merged into one united team. She became the first post-realignment CEO of Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, where she worked to provide an exceptional experience to girls and volunteers alike.

Denise is a highly experienced, visionary executive with demonstrated skills in the areas of community collaboration, change management, team building, fundraising, fiscal management, human resources, and strategic planning.

Please join me in congratulating Julia on the next chapter of her Girl Scout journey, and welcoming Denise to our Girl Scout family!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Lois Paynter  
GSSN Board Chair

