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**DR. ANNETTE SOBEL NAMED TO GIRL SCOUTS OF THE MISSOURI HEARTLAND'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Longtime community and national volunteer Dr. Annette Sobel has been named to the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland. Currently Assistant to the Provost for Strategic Opportunities and an Adjunct Professor in three departments at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Sobel's professional experience includes two years as New Mexico's Homeland Security Director and retirement from the Air National Guard at the rank of Major General. She received her Bachelor of Science from Rutgers University, her Master of Science from Wright State University, and her Medical Doctorate from Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

"We are thrilled to have such a distinguished and experienced role model for girls as Dr. Sobel on our Board of Directors," said CEO Jennifer M. Orban, "Dr. Sobel's experience and skills will help us advance our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character." In addition to extensive skills in strategic planning and humanitarian causes, Sobel brings experience as board member of both Girl Scouts of the USA and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. An advocate for girls, particularly for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs, Sobel joins a nineteen-member board as a member-at-large.

About the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12. With 3.3 million girl and adult members worldwide, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development. Today's Girl Scout Leadership Experience has evolved to fit a wide variety of interests of schedules. With six program

pathways – events, series, camp, troops, travel, and virtual – girls have more options and more reasons to join than ever before. Through hands-on learning opportunities and a girl-led decision-making process, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience empowers girls to discover a strong sense of self, connect with others in a changing world, and take action to help make the world a better place.

About Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland has a membership of approximately 16,000 girls and 6,000 adults across 68 counties in central and southern Missouri, southeast Kansas, and northeast Oklahoma. With the support of community partners, donors, and volunteers, we mentor and support girls as they develop crucial life skills and prepare to take the lead – today, tomorrow, and for the rest of their lives. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts, call 877-312-4764 or visit us on the web at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org.

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