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**Tipton Leads Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital**

*Diane Tipton elected president of the board for second term*

**WASHINGTON** — The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) elected Diane Tipton president of the board of directors at their Annual Meeting on April 9, 2011. Tipton is charged with providing strategic direction for the council that serves 88,000 members in the Greater Washington Region.

As the official leader of GSCNC, Tipton ensures that the board of directors fulfills its governance responsibilities; and secures an annual operating budget of \$14.8 million. She presides at all board, officer, annual and national meetings. She also plays a hands-on role mentoring girls and helping to develop tomorrow's leaders.

Tipton took the Girl Scout oath as a young girl and never departed. She earned her First Class pin, equivalent to Girl Scouts' highest honor, the Gold Award. She led her daughter's Girl Scout troop and served the Council in numerous capacities. She was a member and chair of the nominating committee and first vice president of the board, and was instrumental in the Council's successful capital campaign.

Tipton was elected for a second term at GSCNC's annual meeting in Lansdowne, VA on April 9<sup>th</sup>. She will lead a local delegation of Girl Scouts to the Girl Scout National Council Session/52<sup>nd</sup> Convention, held once every three years, and vote on policy direction critical to the Girl Scouts Movement.

"Diane will lead our Council at a pivotal historic milestone, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts in 2012," said Lidia Soto-Harmon, CEO of Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. "We are excited to have someone with her passion for the movement and experience at the helm, maximizing opportunities for Girl Scouts in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and position the organization well into the future."

Tipton is an owner of Self Storage Zone. She is an accomplished entrepreneur, owning many successful self-storage properties in the Washington DC area. She earned her BA and Master of Accountancy degrees from the University of Georgia and is a Certified Public Accountant. Diane is married to David Bradt and has two children. She resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

**About Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital**

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) is the premiere leadership development organization for girls, with over 88,000 members, 61,000 girls ages 5-17 and 4,900 troops. With the help of 27,000 dedicated adult volunteers and parents, the generosity of corporations and foundations, and our popular Girl Scout Cookie program, Girl Scouting helps build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. We serve the Greater Washington Region, which includes the District of Columbia, eight counties in Maryland, ten counties in Virginia and seven counties in West Virginia. Girl Scouts was founded in 1912 and will celebrate the 100th anniversary in 2012. For more information on how to join, volunteer, or donate to Girl Scouts visit our website at [www.gscnc.org](http://www.gscnc.org).

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