



**MEMORANDUM
OF
MUTUAL SUPPORT**

August 1, 2009



WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Boy Scouts of America have maintained a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of boys, young adults, and their families for many years; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal Church is a part of the universal Christian church. Its message is rooted in Scripture. Its ministry is motivated by the love for God. Its mission is to minister to the entire social development of all people (spiritual, physical); and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is desirous of lending its aid and support to the citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness of boys and young men and women through community-based organizations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Boy Scouts of America will work cooperatively with each other, with the policies and regulations of each organization, to establish and nurture Scout units as an expression of the outreach ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church so that boys, young adults, and adults may grow in Christian character, citizenship responsibility, and with the personal fitness to achieve their greatest potential.

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