



MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL SUPPORT

August 6, 2007

Whereas The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Boy Scouts of America have maintained a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of boys, young adults, and their families for many years;

Whereas "It is the mission of 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";

Whereas "The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., supports and encourages missions, education, civil rights programs, and stewardship development under the guidance of God"; and

Whereas 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: *Now, therefore, be it*

Resolved, That the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Boy Scouts of America now enter into this agreement for the purpose of confirming a framework for a cooperative relationship under which we will assist one another in areas of mutual objectives. We will work cooperatively with each other, within the policies and regulations of each organization, to establish and nurture Scouting units as an expression of the outreach ministry of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. We do this so that boys, young adults, and adults may grow in Christian character, citizenship responsibility, and with the personal fitness necessary to achieve their greatest potential. Through this agreement, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Boy Scouts of America together will organize Scouting units from this day through the year 2010. The Boy Scouts of America will attend the national meeting of the convention, selected state conventions, and district association meetings to promote the alliance; conduct workshops to organize Scouting; and have Scouting promoted in convention publications.

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Dear Pastor,

As your President, I want to commend you on the great work you are doing to serve America's young people. I believe that the church and Scouting working together is an excellent opportunity to live out the 12th point of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent". I also believe that Scouting is an alternative model of youth ministry that allows congregations to incorporate Scouting into their programs of leadership training and community outreach.

It is a pleasure to provide you with the alliance information packet for Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. and Boy Scouts of America. This organizational packet provides useful materials that will help you to start a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, and/or Venturing crew.

I hope that this packet will provide you with the tools you need to start Scouting in your church. Many young people will benefit from your support and dedication to this important program.

Please join me in Scouting, as we extend traditional Scouting to every neighborhood in America.

Sincerely,

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