



WHEREAS: Members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and American Heritage Girls have enjoyed a beneficial relationship in regard to the development of girls, their families and their communities for several years; and

WHEREAS: It is the mission of American Heritage Girls “to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country”; and

WHEREAS: In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world; and

WHEREAS: American Heritage Girls program is centered on these same principles, and partners with the local LCMS church to assist and support girls through spiritual development, life skill enhancement, development of teamwork, social skills, citizenship, girl leadership skills while building confidence and discovering their identity in Christ; and

WHEREAS: American Heritage Girls serves the local church as an excellent tool to engage girls, young women, and families in a manner that brings glory to Jesus Christ through service to God, family, country and community. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and American Heritage Girls will work together, within the guidelines of the policies and regulations of each organization to establish and nurture American Heritage Girls Troops within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod so that girls may be provided with life skills, leadership development opportunities, service programs, and character building opportunities; and be it

RESOLVED, That American Heritage Girls will respect the spiritual and moral responsibility of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s chartering congregations with the understanding that there is no American Heritage Girls authority which supersedes the authority of the local pastor and the congregation in any phase of the program affecting the spiritual welfare of those who participate; therefore be it finally

RESOLVED, That it is agreed all member congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may rely on the stipulations in this Memorandum of Understanding in operating under any charter they sign with American Heritage Girls.

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