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For 108 years, Girl Scouts of the USA has provided a framework from which girls have realized their biggest dreams—aligning their innovation, collaboration, and service for the betterment of our communities and the world. During this time, girls, adults, volunteers, and families have mobilized to make great things happen always keeping safety and care as top of mind.

**Given all of this, the National Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 21, and voted to hold a one-time virtual session for our 55th National Council Session in October 2020. The board also voted to cancel G.I.R.L. 2020, including the Global Roundtable.**

This decision was made with the health and safety of all members of the Girl Scout Movement at the forefront. As we've continued to monitor public health experts' recommendations and forecasts, it became clear that Girl Scouts could not hold convention in person in October 2020 because we can't host a large scale, in-person event and guarantee the health and safety of participants.

By making the decision now, we can maximize planning time to deliver an engaging virtual version of our 55th NCS. We understand that our councils, delegates, and those planning to attend NCS and G.I.R.L. 2020 also need time to work through these changes.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to [Delegates@girlscoutshh.org](mailto:Delegates@girlscoutshh.org)

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