

WHY THIS RESOLUTION IS RIGHT FOR SCOUTING

- The BSA National Executive Board voted to ratify a resolution amending the adult leadership standards. The resolution was unanimously recommended by those present and voting for ratification by the National Executive Committee earlier this month.
- Effective immediately, chartered organizations are able to select adult volunteer leaders without regard to sexual orientation, continuing Scouting's longstanding policy of chartered organizations selecting their leaders. The 2013 youth membership policy is not affected and remains unchanged.
- This change allows Scouting's members and parents to select local units, chartered to organizations with similar beliefs, that best meet the needs of their families. This change also respects the right of religious chartered organizations to choose adult volunteer leaders whose beliefs are consistent with their own.
- It remains the position of the BSA that the ideals and principles of "duty to God" and "a Scout is reverent" set forth in the Scout Oath and Scout Law are central to teaching young people to make better choices over their lifetimes.