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Dear Central NC Council Parents and Volunteers:

Let us begin by thanking you for your commitment to our council and the more than 12,000 youth we make a difference in every day. Over the recent months, our National Scouting office has been undergoing a review of our Membership Standards policy. This review has been focused on one of the most complicated and polarizing issues facing our country today. All of us share our own deep-rooted opinions on this topic. For those of you who participated in our town hall discussions or completed a survey either online or over the phone, we are grateful for your input.

On May 23rd, upon completion of this review, the members of the Boy Scouts of America's National Council approved a resolution to remove the restriction denying membership to youth on the basis of sexual orientation alone. The resolution also reinforces that Scouting is a youth program, and any sexual conduct, whether heterosexual or homosexual, by youth of Scouting age is contrary to the virtues of Scouting. A change to the current membership policy for adult leaders was not under consideration; thus, the policy for adults remains in place. As the National Executive Committee just completed a lengthy review process, there are no plans for further review on this matter.

Your Executive Board and this council wants you to know a few things related to how we will move forward.

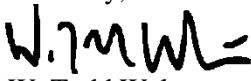
- Our number one priority has been and will continue to be serving our youth.
- We remain committed to delivering the highest quality programs to the young people and volunteers we serve.
- There is no place in Scouting for any type of sexuality, and any misconduct relating to this is considered unacceptable.
- Lastly and most importantly, our youth need your support and continued involvement. The council needs our families and volunteers to remain committed to our mission of developing our youth into strong leaders and good citizens.

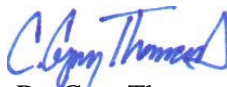
Thank you again for your time and for listening. Our youth are watching us and we teach them through our actions.

For more information, please see the National Membership Standards webpage: www.scouting.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to email twalter@bsamail.org or call Todd Walter at (704) 982-0141, ext. 225.

Sincerely,


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