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Marion County Girl Scouts Historical Marker Dedication

A public dedication ceremony for the Indiana historical marker honoring the Marion County Girl Scouts will be held on October 16 at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T. at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Avenue, Indianapolis. Everyone is invited to the dedication to help celebrate the significance of this organization and the honor of receiving a state historical marker. The text on the marker follows:

In 1917, Anna Marie Ridge founded in Irvington the first troop in Marion County; it was registered in July as Indianapolis Troop 1 by Girl Scouts, Incorporated. In 1937, Troop 1 was meeting here at Irvington Presbyterian Church. India J. Wilson began a second troop in Irvington in fall of 1917; registered as Troop 2 in 1918. Indianapolis Marion County Girl Scout Council chartered 1921 by Girl Scouts, Incorporated. Marion County now part of Girl Scouts of Hoosier Capital Council. Basic goals—including community service, ideals of conduct, patriotism, diversity in membership—have remained; badges and programs have changed with society.

Indiana heritage continues to gain attention by the placement of historical markers throughout the state commemorating significant Indiana people, places, and events. The installation of historical markers helps communities present, promote, and preserve their rich history for both citizens and visitors. Via the Internet, that history is reaching a worldwide audience.

For decades the Indiana Historical Bureau has administered the Indiana Historical Marker program. These markers have the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of Indiana at the top. There are 450 of these markers across the state.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau Web site at <www.IN.gov/history> or call 317-232-2535.

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