

STATEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS BY ADULT LEADERS IN THE MOBILE AREA COUNCIL

Using the Scout Oath and Law as our guide, all Scouts and Scouters are fundamentally entitled to their own personal opinions. Diversity of thought strengthens Scouting. In demonstrating respect for each other and our Scouting Mission, however, when stated publicly, those opinions and beliefs should be stated in a positive, supportive and inclusive manner.

Meeting our Scouting goals and activities rely, in large measure, on the quality and steadfastness of our volunteer adult leaders, who are appointed annually. A special trust is placed in those selected as adult leaders. In many cases, they are the public face and voice of Scouting. It is incumbent on them to present Scouting in an honest and positive manner not only to carry out the work of Scouting, but also to demonstrate its ideals, exemplify its best characteristics and to serve as ambassadors of Scouting to the world at large.

When we serve as adult leaders, we do not give up our rights to hold private opinions, but we agree that, as adult leaders, we will represent Scouting, publicly support its initiatives and put forth its shared beliefs as developed by our Scouting organization. Public statements by an adult leader that disparage the Boy Scouts of America, Mobile Area Council, their leadership, policies, or programs are inconsistent with a unified approach to growing and sustaining Scouting. Adult leaders should refrain from making any statements that detract from Scouting's Mission and Vision, whether such statements are made verbally or by postings on social media.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT BY THE
MOBILE AREA COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD
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