## VIRTUAL BRIDGING CEREMONY:

- Each girl should be assigned a part to play in this ceremony, either as a flag presenter or as one of the GS Law presenters. Depending upon troop size, girls may do more than one part.
- Each family should have a <u>Bridging Kit</u> and a <u>My Girl Scout Kit</u> for her new age level to present to the girl during the ceremony.
- If possible, find a Girl Scout in their new age level to take part. She could explain each part of the Law after each girl reads theirs. Or she could talk about the things she's done in her age level. She could also welcome the girls to their new age level.
- The Ceremony starts with a virtual flag ceremony and moves on to the GS Promise and Law.
- More ideas for bridging ceremonies may be found on the Volunteer Toolkit.

## WELCOME:

Leader: "Welcome to the bridging ceremony for Troop \_\_\_\_\_. Today we are bridging from (current age level) to (new age level). We open today with a virtual flag ceremony."

## VIRTUAL FLAG CEREMONY:

Assign girls who will take part in the flag ceremony to represent one of the flags – U.S. Flag, State Flag, World Association Flag, Girl Scout Flag, Brownie Flag (if this is a Brownie troop), and Daisy Flag (if this is a Daisy troop). The girls can draw a picture of the flag, find and print an image from an online site, or if they happen to have a flag at home, they could use that.

Caller: "Girl Scouts, Attention"

"Color Guard Attention"

"Color guard, present your colors":

- Girl with the U.S. Flag: "I am the United States flag. I represent the entire country. I can hold my head high when I am with all Girl Scouts."
- Girl with the State Flag: "I am the (state name) flag. The Girl Scouts of (state) respect me. They have the same adventurous spirit that made me great."
- Girl with the World Association Flag: "I am the World Association Flag. I have watched over Girl Scouts and Girl Guides throughout the world. I have seen them grow in friendship and sisterhood."
- Girl with the Girl Scout Flag: "I am the Girl Scout flag. I protect all Girl Scouts. As my blue, green, and white colors blow in the wind, all Girl Scouts across the country can take pride in me."
- Girl with the Brownie Flag: "I am the Brownie Girl Scout flag. I have watched over the Brownie Girl Scouts for two years. I have watched them grow and now they are stepping upward into Junior Girl Scouts."
- Girl with the Daisy Flag: "I am the Daisy Girl Scout flag. I have watched over the youngest of Girl Scouts for 2 years. I have held them gently and now I must guide them through the arch to Brownie Girl Scouts."

Caller: "Girl Scouts, honor your colors." (salute the flags)

Caller: "We will now say the Pledge of Allegiance."

Caller: "We will now sing...."

Caller: "We will now make the Girl Scout sign and recite the Girl Scout Promise":

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Leader: "To renew our vow to live by the Girl Scout Law, each girl will now recite and explain a part of the Law":

I will do my best to be Honest.

• This means that we can be counted on to tell the truth.

I will do my best to be Fair

• You will be fair to your troop, your leader, your family, your church, your community, your state, your country, your teachers and your friends.

I will do my best to be Friendly

• This means you will be friendly to all.

I will do my best to be Helpful

A Girl Scout is ready to and willing to help others.

I will do my best to be Considerate

• A Girl Scout is polite and is thoughtful towards others.

I will do my best to be Courageous

Trying new things requires courage.

I will do my best to be Strong

• You might get tired, but don't give up.

I will do my best to be Responsible for what I say and do

• Words and deeds have consequences. Girl Scouts think before they speak and act.

I will do my best to Respect Authority

• When a Girl Scout respects authority, she will be responsive to those in authority by being cooperative and following directions.

I will do my best to Use Resources Wisely

This means you will not waste your time, skills, ability, natural resources, or the work of others.

I will do my best to make the world a better place

• Girl Scouts will help the world become a better place to live in.

And to be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Being a sister means that you are friends with Girl Scouts all over the world.

Leader: "It is now time to bridge to (state the Girl Scout level the troop is bridging into). Will each girl's parent/helper, present them with their new My Girl Scout Kit. You may remove your Vest/Sash from the kit and proudly wear it now."

"Now, please present each girl with her Bridging Kit. The Bridging Kit contains her bridging award that is worn on the front of her new uniform. It also includes the Membership Star. Girl Scouts are presented with a Star for each year they are a Girl Scout. The color of the disc behind the Star signifies the Girl Scout's age level she was during that year. Your discs are (Blue, Green, Yellow, White, Red, Navy) representing this year in which you were a (Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador). The Bridging Kit contains a certificate to commemorate this special day. There is also a Bridging Fun Patch and a Bridging Pencil. The fun patch may be placed on the back of your uniform vest/sash."

"Let's now sing: Make New Friends"

"Congratulations Girl Scouts! You are now (Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors)! We are looking forward to the activities we will take part in as (Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors)! "