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Dear Druhny and Druhowie,

The health and well-being of our members, participants, and their families remains our primary concern during this on-going coronavirus outbreak. We take our responsibility as an organization seriously, and we're committed to doing our part in the effort against the spread of COVID-19. To protect ourselves and our communities, we've taken preventative measures, by cancelling all scouting activities, meetings, and trips that bring people physically together. At this time, taking into account developments in Canada and abroad, we have made the decision to **extend** the suspension of face-to-face activities **until at least the end of May**. This includes cancelling the Polish Scouting Auxiliary's fundraising dance that was to have taken place on April 25, 2020.

We know there are many questions about whether summer camps will be taking place as scheduled in July this year. On the information available today, it is not possible to make a decision. The Districts (hufce) who organize summer camps, together with the Chief Commissioners of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts (komendanci choragwi) who approve them, will continue early stage planning and will make those difficult decisions about whether to proceed later this spring.

In the meantime, we highly encourage everyone to organize and participate in on-line and virtual activities, using remote communications over the internet, and the social media platforms that are available. Please also consider reaching out by phone or electronically to family, friends, neighbours and members of our Association to offer comfort and support, especially to those who are elderly and/or housebound.

The most challenging aspects of our present circumstances are the uncertainty and the pace with which situations change. These require all of us to be flexible, tolerant, and to treat others with patience and kindness. We are confident that following the principles of our scout law prepares us to face the challenges that await. As the situation unfolds, we will continue to provide updates.

Finally we would like to acknowledge the many members and volunteers in our Association who work in health care and social services. You are on the front lines of battling this pandemic, and your courage, compassion, dedication and service to our community are valued and appreciated by all of us. Thank you!

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact your local troop leader or district commissioner or send an email to rmt@zhpkanada.org . Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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