

WHEREAS, service is a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 250,000 Americans to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country; and

WHEREAS, in Northern Colorado, more than 200 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of various ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 50 locations in Larimer and Weld Counties by responding to COVID-19, tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business, foundation, and other local partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, through their service, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and the City of Greeley as a whole; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the millions of Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors and their community partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John D. Gates, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, Colorado and behalf of the Greeley City Council, do hereby designate March 13- March19 as AmeriCorps week in Greeley and encourage all community members to join in celebratory events this month and throughout the year in recognition of the contributions of this important culture within our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

John D. Gates Mayor