## **PROCLAMATION NO. 25-01**

## THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

AmeriCorps Week 2025 March 9 - 14,2025

WHEREAS, more than thirty years ago Congress established AmeriCorps – formerly the Corporation for National and Community Service – to unite national service programs under one agency, create service opportunities that strengthen communities, and expand pathways to education, careers, and civic participation for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps is America's smart investment in local communities, where public dollars leverage private contributions to support locally led, data-driven solutions to urgent needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for 200,000 Americans annually to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based organizations across the country; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a robust public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs strengthen bridge-building skills by bringing people together from different backgrounds, generations, and geographic locations to address critical issues facing the country, forge relationships, cultivate mutual respect, and help build resilient and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, volunteering prepares AmeriCorps members for future careers and improves the mental wellbeing of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers, and their commitment to service reflects the dedication and patriotism of those who serve; and

WHEREAS, through their service, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers improve the lives of their families, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement in Huerfano County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the AmeriCorps members and volunteers who serve each year, the nearly 1.3 million AmeriCorps alumni and millions of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers, and their community partners, as well as to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners that the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to be AmeriCorps Week in Huerfano County and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.

**INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH 2025.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BYKarl S. Sporleder, Chairman

Mitchell Wardell, Commissioner

James L. Chamberlain, Commissioner

County Clerk and Recorder and Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board