

City of Kingsport

Proclamation

Whereas, in Kingsport thousands of individuals from all walks of life, all ages, and all parts of our community unselfishly donate their time to helping others by sharing knowledge, kindness, generosity, and compassion every day; and,

Whereas, organizations in Kingsport relying on volunteers include hospitals, schools, non-profits, churches, government groups, community centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, community groups, civic clubs, and neighborhoods; and,

Whereas, in Kingsport volunteers contribute thousands of hours per year which makes our community a better and a stronger force for good. Hours used in such activities as mentoring our children, feeding our hungry, comforting our lonely, beautifying our green spaces, improving our safety, and providing leadership and oversight for charitable organizations; and,

Whereas, by performing these acts of service, volunteers shape a community big enough and bold enough to accommodate the hopes of all our people; and,

Whereas, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver as well as the recipient; and the strength of our community lies in the hearts and souls of each citizen.

Whereas, I, Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor of Kingsport, and on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Kingsport do hereby proclaim April 19 through April 25, 2026 as

Volunteer Appreciation Week

in Kingsport and do encourage my fellow citizens to join in celebrating these most outstanding individuals in our community who tirelessly volunteer and encourage those not currently serving in volunteer efforts to engage in our community and make a difference.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, to be affixed this the 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor