

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's [COUNTIES/CITIES/TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS] are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Senior participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Senior participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique 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, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on March 17, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, [COUNTY OFFICIAL/MAYOR NAME], County Official/Mayor of [COUNTY/CITY], do hereby proclaim March 17, [CHOOSE DATE], 2023, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.





The annual **National Service Recognition Day** takes place on Tuesday, March 17, 2023. ServeWyoming would like to celebrate National Service Recognition Day throughout the month of April and in May. Our goal is to highlight the impact of AmeriCorps, VISTA, AmeriCorps Seniors (Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Companion Program, and RSVP) and other national service programs in tackling local problems and managing volunteers for greater impact, and to thank national service members for their commitment here in Wyoming. Since 1994, more than 4,100 Wyoming residents have served approximately 3.4 million hours through AmeriCorps, earning Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$7.7 million. It is our goal to now have every mayor and county commission in Wyoming officially recognize the effort of national service in our state on this special day.

Please join with the other mayors and county commissioners in Wyoming by participating in this annual National Service Recognition Day, formerly Mayor and County Day of Recognition for National Service on March 17, 2023! **All you need to do is reply to this letter and give your consent to sign on so we can get you registered.** We will then add you to the list. Here is the link where we are enrolling the others:

<https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/national-service-recognition-day/registration>

Attached is also a sample proclamation; all you need to do is include your name, town or county, and the date in April or May that you choose to highlight National Service Recognition Day. Then:

- Email it to Michelle Reynolds at hello@servewyoming.org
- Fax it to 307-234-3438,
- Or mail it to ServeWyoming at 330 S. Center St., Ste. 317, Casper, WY 82602.

If you have questions, or if you will be signing the proclamation during a Council meeting or special time where we might be able to have press coverage and volunteers attend, please let us know.

Thank you again for your continued support and for joining in recognition of all of our members, programs and senior volunteers serving throughout Wyoming.

In Service,

ServeWyoming Commissioners and Staff