

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and the current economic downturn means more people are facing hardships, resulting in an increased need for assistance; and

WHEREAS, each year AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 80,000 citizens across the nation, including over 3,000 in Washington, to give back to our communities, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, those AmeriCorps members have served a total of more than 860 million hours, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthening our educational system, protecting our environment, providing health services, and supporting veterans and military families, and;

WHEREAS, the Washington Commission for National and Community Service plays a key role in determining where AmeriCorps resources should be directed to meet state and local needs; and

WHEREAS, the work of AmeriCorps goes on quietly and without fanfare in the thousands of nonprofit, community, education and faith-based organizations where members serve; and

WHEREAS, after their terms of service end, AmeriCorps members remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders; and

WHEREAS, during AmeriCorps Week we salute AmeriCorps members and alums, thank all community partners in Washington who make the program possible, and bring more Americans into service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 14-21, 2011, as

AmeriCorps Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2011

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

