

Sample Senior Corps Week Proclamation

WHEREAS older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and WHEREAS for more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

WHEREAS each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 360,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately [INSERT CURRENT NUMBER OF SENIOR CORPS VOLUNTEERS] in [INSERT STATE/CITY/COMMUNITY], to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 73.4 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety, and;

WHEREAS Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide; and

WHEREAS at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and

WHEREAS service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and

WHEREAS the fourth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 18-22, 2015, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, [INSERT NAME], [GOVERNOR/MAYOR/COMMUNITY LEADER] of [STATE/CITY/COMMUNITY], do hereby designate May 18-22, 2015 as Senior Corps Week and urge citizens to recognize Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities.