

SENIOR CORPS WEEK 2016 PROCLAMATION TEMPLATE

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 the Corporation for National and Community Service's three Senior Corps programs – RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), SCP (Senior Companion Program), and FGP (Foster Grandparent Program) – 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 270,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately **(INSERT NUMBER)** of Senior Corps Volunteers in **(INSERT NAME of STATE)** to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS within **(INSERT NAME of STATE)** Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than **(INSERT NUMBER)** of young people who have special needs; Senior Companions help more than **(INSERT NUMBER)** homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes; and RSVP volunteers renovate homes, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than **(INSERT NUMBER)** groups across **(INSERT NAME OF STATE)**; 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **[INSERT NAME]**, **[GOVERNOR]** of **[STATE]**, do hereby designate May 16-20, 2016 as Senior Corps Week and urge all **(NAME of STATE)** citizens to recognize Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities.