

**FOR SPEAKERS AT AMERICORPS ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014**

**SUGGESTED TEXT TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTICIPATION**

- President Clinton is joining with President Obama at the White House to mark the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps. President George H.W. Bush will participate in an AmeriCorps pledge ceremony at his home in Kennebunkport, Maine. President George W. Bush and former First Lady Laura Bush filmed a video that will be shown at pledge ceremonies around the country.
  
- [OPTIONAL] Each of these former Presidents has played a key role in the formation and growth of AmeriCorps:
  - President George H.W. Bush signed the 1990 National Service Act, which created the Commission on National and Community Service.
  
  - President Clinton signed legislation in 1993 to create AmeriCorps and launched the first class of 20,000 AmeriCorps members 20 years ago.
  
  - President George W. Bush expanded the number of AmeriCorps positions after the September 11th terrorist attacks.
  
- [OPTIONAL] President Obama has taken steps to expand national service by creating such new AmeriCorps partnerships as FEMA Corps, School Turnaround AmeriCorps, and STEM AmeriCorps.
  
- Elected officials including members of Congress, governors, and mayors from both sides of the aisle will participate in these ceremonies. This highlights the bipartisan foundation of service and proves that service is part of the country's DNA.

**AMERICORPS IS A SOLUTION**

- Together, nearly 100 events in all 50 states and territories are taking place.
  
- Collectively, we honor the 900,000 individuals who have served in AmeriCorps and welcome the thousands of incoming AmeriCorps members who will take the pledge to “get things done” for our country.