



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 mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for 21st century jobs and supporting veterans and military families, to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters; 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, national service participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, including over 40 service locations in our cities, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our cities' economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than 75 AmeriCorps members and 300 Senior Corps members serve in our cities, providing vital support to city residents and improving the quality of life in our cities; 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, including more than \$5,500,000 in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers 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 Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities, and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service;

NOW THEREFORE, we, Bill Benton, Mayor of the City of Vergennes; Liz Gamache, Mayor of the City of St. Albans; John Hollar, Mayor of the City of Montpelier; Thom Lauzon, Mayor of the City of Barre; Chris Louras, Mayor of the City of Rutland; Paul Monette, Mayor of the City of Newport; Mike O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Winooski; and Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim that April 1, 2014 be declared

MAYORS DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our cities, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to their communities.

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