



## 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 their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities – educating students for 21st century jobs, supporting veterans and military families, providing health services, 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**, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, including over 100 service sites in our cities, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 75 AmeriCorps members and 375 Senior Corps members serve in our cities, providing support to residents and improving their quality of life; 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 \$4,000,000 in Vermont; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants 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, Cities of Service, and Mayors across the country on the Mayors' Recognition Day 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; Seth Leonard, Mayor of the City of Winooski; Chris Louras, Mayor of the City of Rutland; Paul Monette, Mayor of the City of Newport; and Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2016, 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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