

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Since its creation in 1994, the AmeriCorps National Service Program has been highly effective in promoting the ethic of service and volunteering by engaging citizens of all ages and backgrounds to meet a wide range of community needs; and

WHEREAS: To date, more than 1.3 billion hours have been served by men and women across the Nation, including 14 million hours from Arkansans, helping to improve the lives of our state's most vulnerable citizens, to strengthen our education system, to protect our environment, and to contribute to our public safety; and

WHEREAS: Since its beginnings with the original signed legislation over 20 years ago, AmeriCorps has provided opportunities for over 1 million citizens to serve across the Nation, and more than 8,600 in Arkansas have answered the call to serve the needs of others through AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTAs, the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), Senior Corps (Foster Grandparents; RSVP, Senior Companions) and other National Service programs; and

WHEREAS: AmeriCorps members recruited and supervised more than 4 million community volunteers last year, demonstrating the value of AmeriCorps as a powerful catalyst and force multiplier; and

WHEREAS: More than 8,600 Arkansas residents have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$27,800,000; and

WHEREAS: AmeriCorps Week is an opportune time to salute AmeriCorps members and Alumni for their powerful impact, to thank all of AmeriCorps community partners, and to bring more Americans into service; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas AmeriCorps Week 2017 will focus on the critical issue of hunger relief by joining in partnership with community organizations and volunteers to collect, pack, and distribute non-perishable food items for those in our State who do not have enough to eat;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 4th through March 11th, 2017, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to commend AmeriCorps members, Senior Corps members, National Direct Service members, and Alumni for their invaluable service to their communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State