



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

AMERICORPS WEEK

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history, Americans have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 75,000 Americans interested in making an ongoing, intensive commitment to serve at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups all across the country; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps enriches the lives of its members, building habits that create engaged individuals who are active participants in civic matters affecting their communities long after their service terms are completed; and

WHEREAS, last year in Virginia, 3,800 national service members of various ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 400 locations in the Commonwealth by tutoring or mentoring disadvantaged children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn valuable work skills, money for higher education, and develop an appreciation for citizenship that strengthens the lives of their families, communities, and the Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, since AmeriCorps' founding in 1994, more than 19,000 Virginia AmeriCorps members have served approximately 30 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$68.7 million; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of AmeriCorps members, AmeriCorps alumni, and their community partners, and to reinforce responsibility, compassion, and tolerance as critical values for building a better Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize March 7-13, 2021, as **AMERICORPS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth