



Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 13,500 people of all ages and backgrounds are serving in more than 2,200 national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, and other groups across Illinois through national service programs; and,

WHEREAS, National Service Members serve their communities by improving education, protecting public safety, promoting healthy living, ensuring economic opportunity, safeguarding the environment, providing disaster relief, and promoting civic engagement; and,

*WHEREAS, more than 2,200 AmeriCorps*State and National, AmeriCorps*VISTA, and AmeriCorps*NCCC Members serving in Illinois will take their pledge and promise to carry this commitment to service throughout their lives; and,*

WHEREAS, since 1994, more than 37,000 Illinoisans have served more than 52 million hours through AmeriCorps, which equals \$1.3 billion in impact; and,

WHEREAS, more than 11,000 Senior Corps Members are currently contributing their lifetime of experience and talents through the Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) programs; and the Social Innovation Fund is investing \$180,000 into 13 nonprofits in Illinois to act as a catalyst for growth; and,

*WHEREAS, the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is charged with enhancing and supporting community volunteerism in all its forms and in the administration of the AmeriCorps*State program in Illinois;*

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim October 12, 2016, as NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY in Illinois, and congratulate Illinois' family of national service volunteers, both past and present, on their service in strengthening communities through volunteerism in the State of Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-SIXTH *day of* SEPTEMBER *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SIXTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH *.*

Debra White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR