



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

WHEREAS, participants in Senior Corps and AmeriCorps programs address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to 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, Senior Corps and AmeriCorps participants serve in more than 60,000 locations across the country, including three Senior Corps and five AmeriCorps programs in Utah County, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our county's economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than 865 national service participants of all ages and backgrounds serve in Utah County, providing vital support to county residents and improving the quality of life in our county; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; 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 \$1,253,919 in Federal resources in Utah County; and

WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with county executives nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National Association of Counties and county executives across the country for the County Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, The Board of Utah County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2015, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county and thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

DATED this 7TH day of April, 2015.

Larry Ellertson, Commission Chair

Bill Lee, Commission Vice Chair

Greg Graves, Commissioner