

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 20-0244 Recognizing AmeriCorps Week 2020**

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**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for nearly 75,000 Americans to serve their country through an intensive commitment to service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country; and

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

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, in Colorado, more than 2,100 AmeriCorps members of various ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 400 locations in the State by tutoring or mentoring children and youth, preserving environmental resources, building capacity of community partners, and supporting access to healthy food and affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, in exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members develop valuable work skills; earn money for continuing education; and strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and the State of Colorado as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, since AmeriCorps was founded in 1994, more 36,000 AmeriCorps members in Colorado served more than 36 million hours and qualified for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$90.8 million; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the more than 1 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and their community partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver do hereby designate March 8-14, 2020, as AmeriCorps Week in Colorado, and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Serve Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 9, 2020

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PRESIDENT