

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

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

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps enriches the lives of its members and instills in them the value of civic engagement that impacts their communities long after their service terms are completed; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps encourages collaboration and partnerships, and garners the support of business partners to increase the effectiveness of its initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, more than 1,813 AmeriCorps members of various ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 695 locations in Washington by tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, combatting the opioid epidemic, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members develop valuable work skills, earn money to continue their education and strengthen the lives of families, communities, and Washington as a whole; and

WHEREAS, since AmeriCorps was founded in 1994, more than 44,000 AmeriCorps members in Washington have served more than 68 million hours and qualified for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award totaling more than \$168.3 million; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of more than 1 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 14-20, 2021, as

AmeriCorps Week

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 8th day of March, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

