



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, participants in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps 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 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, including over 50 locations in Bellingham and 80 participants, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and tribal organizations that are so vital to our county's economic and social well-being; 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; and

WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with city and county officials nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and mayors and county officials across the country for the Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on April 4, 2017.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2017 as

DAY FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

In Bellingham and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community and thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.



Signed this 20th day of March, 2017

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham