



Bismarck

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than thirty years ago Congress established AmeriCorps - formerly the Corporation for National and Community Service - to unite national service programs under one agency, create service opportunities that strengthen communities, and expand pathways to education, careers, and civic participation for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for 200,000 Americans annually to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based organizations across the country; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota more than 276 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 99 locations, tutoring or mentoring children and youth, mentoring youth, restoring the environment, and capacity building nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a robust 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, volunteering prepares AmeriCorps members for future careers and improves the mental wellbeing of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers, and their commitment to service reflects the dedication and patriotism of those who serve; and

WHEREAS, through their service, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers improve the lives of their families, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement in the North Dakota as a whole; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the AmeriCorps members and volunteers who serve each year, the nearly 1.3 million AmeriCorps alumni and millions of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers, and their community partners, as well as to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby designate March 9-15, 2025 as **AMERICORPS WEEK** in Bismarck and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.

Signed this 12th day of March, 2025.

Michael Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners