

WHEREAS, service is a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to bring people of all backgrounds, generations, and geographic locations together to meet our nation's most pressing challenges; and WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for 200,000 Americans annually to build resilient and thriving communities through volunteerism at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based organizations across the country; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, more than 4,100 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers helped to meet local needs at more than 450 locations during 2023, including disaster response, tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, environment conservation and restoration, training the teachers of tomorrow, and supporting older adults living independently; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a robust public-private partnership that invests more than \$18.3 million of federal funding in community solutions for Arizona and leverages an additional \$3.8 million in non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service; 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 State of Arizona as a whole; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of more than 1.25 million Americans nationwide who have chosen to serve communities through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 10-16, 2024, as

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in Arizona, and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members, alumni, and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers for their service, and encourage Arizonans to follow in their footsteps by finding ways to give back to their local communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

