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DANE COUNTY RECOGNIZES NATIONAL SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM IN APRIL

WHEREAS, the nation's counties increasingly are turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; 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 (including RSVP and FGP) address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants (including RSVP and FGP) serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1961, there have been 6,160 Peace Corps volunteers from across Wisconsin with 199 from Wisconsin, including 16 from the Madison metro area, currently volunteering in countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Corps' mission is to promote world peace and friendship by fulfilling three goals: 1) To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women; 2) To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; and 3) To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans; and

WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment and dedication 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 county officials and mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and joined 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 Dane County does hereby proclaim its support for National Service Recognition, and encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of volunteer service in our county; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Sharon Corrigan, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
6th day of April, 2017

Scott McDonell
Dane County Clerk