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Proclamation

Proclaim March 12-18, 2023 to be AmeriCorps Week

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Whereas, service is a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in their communities; and

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

Whereas, in Portland, more than 311 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 154 locations in the Portland area by responding to COVID-19, tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, combatting the opioid epidemic, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters; and

Whereas, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business, foundation, and other local partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

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Whereas, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

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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

Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

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Requested Council Date

March 15, 2023

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20 minutes

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