



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** AmeriCorps members make a powerful impact each day in communities across the United States by addressing challenges facing our nation, including: educating students for good jobs; supporting veterans and military families; providing health services; and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS:** September 12, 2014, marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AmeriCorps. The occasion will be celebrated with a simultaneous, nationwide swearing-in of a new class of AmeriCorps members, and recognition events saluting current members and alums; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 1994, more than 23,000 Minnesotans have served more than 35 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$83,870,000; and
- WHEREAS:** National service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing experience, career skills, and college scholarships to those who serve; and
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 3,200 AmeriCorps members of all ages and backgrounds serve in Minnesota, providing vital support to citizens and improving their quality of life. These members serve in more than 3,000 locations across the state, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations vital to our economic and social well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** AmeriCorps members demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, and remain engaged in communities as volunteers, public servants, and civic leaders even after their terms of service expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 12, 2014, as:

## AMERICORPS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE