



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, every day in communities across America, AmeriCorps members are making a powerful impact on the most critical issues facing our nation; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2014, the nation will mark the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps with a simultaneous, nationwide swearing-in of a new class of AmeriCorps members and recognition events saluting AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, more than more than 10,000 Tennessee residents have served more than 20 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$31,310,000; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members address the most pressing challenges facing our nation, from educating students for 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 expands economic opportunity by providing experience, career skills, and college scholarships for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, more than 1100 AmeriCorps members of all ages and backgrounds serve in Tennessee, providing vital support to our people and improving the quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members serve in more than 200 locations in Tennessee, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so 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 after their terms of service remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, public servants, and civic leaders in disproportionately high levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2014 as

Ameri Corps Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eleventh day of August, 2014.

Governor

Secretary of State

