



City of Charleston

Joseph P. Riley, Jr.

Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS;** service to others is a hallmark of the American character and central to how we meet our challenges; and
- WHEREAS;** the nation's mayors are increasingly turning to National Service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and
- WHEREAS;** participants in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and 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;** 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;** more than 1,000 national service participants of all ages and backgrounds serve in Charleston, South Carolina, providing vital support to City residents and improving the quality of life in our city; and
- WHEREAS;** National Service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism 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 mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the **Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015.**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor of Charleston, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2015 as:

NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

in the City of Charleston, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city and thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.



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