
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of March 8 through 15, 2020, as "AmeriCorps
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Since its creation in 1994, the AmeriCorps national
4 service program has proven to be highly effective in engaging
5 Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting a wide range of
6 community needs and promoting the ethics of service and
7 volunteerism; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, AmeriCorps, including AmeriCorps VISTA
9 and AmeriCorps NCCC, provides opportunities for 75,000 citizens
10 across the nation, including 2,500 in this Commonwealth, to give
11 back in an intensive way to communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The Corporation for National and Community Service
13 has strengthened this Commonwealth's private sector by investing
14 more than \$34.2 million in the past year to support the efforts
15 of more than 100 nonprofit, community, educational and faith-
16 based community groups, providing grants which leveraged more
17 than \$33.1 million in outside resources from businesses,
18 foundations, public agencies and other sources, strengthening

1 community impact and increasing the return on taxpayer dollars;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members recruit, train and supervise
4 millions of volunteers annually, demonstrating AmeriCorps' value
5 as a powerful catalyst and volunteer force multiplier; and

6 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members have served a total of more than
7 1.5 billion hours nationwide, including 70 million hours of
8 service by residents of this Commonwealth, helping to improve
9 the lives of this Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents,
10 strengthening the educational system, protecting the environment
11 and contributing to public safety; and

12 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members nationwide, in return for their
13 service, have earned more than \$3.7 billion in Segal AmeriCorps
14 Education Awards to use to further their own educational
15 advancement at colleges and universities, including \$167.2
16 million that have been awarded to residents of this
17 Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, After their terms of service end, AmeriCorps members
19 remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers,
20 public servants and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high
21 levels; and

22 WHEREAS, "AmeriCorps Week" is an opportune time for the
23 residents of this Commonwealth to salute AmeriCorps members of
24 the past and present for their powerful impact and thank all
25 AmeriCorps community partners in this Commonwealth who make the
26 program possible and bring more Americans into service;
27 therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
29 week of March 8 through 15, 2020, as "AmeriCorps Week" in
30 Pennsylvania; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
2 residents of this Commonwealth to thank AmeriCorps members of
3 the past and present for their service to our communities.