

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



### *To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Kentucky has the privilege of hosting the national AmeriCorps Week 2010 kickoff event -- Build-A-Bed, a 24-hour, 500-bed building blitz for children in need; and
- WHEREAS, Service to others is a hallmark of American character and the cornerstone of Kentucky culture; and throughout our history, citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering their time and talents with community service projects such as Build-A-Bed; and
- WHEREAS, 6,326 Kentuckians have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done for America," since the program's inception in 1994 to help improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, and contribute to our public safety; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky AmeriCorps members recruited and supervised 16,363 community volunteers during 2009 in Kentucky, demonstrating the program's value as a powerful catalyst and force multiplier; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service, part of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, plays a key role in determining where AmeriCorps resources are directed to meet Kentucky's needs; and
- WHEREAS, Congress last year passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which sets AmeriCorps on a path to grow 250,000 members by 2017 and focuses AmeriCorps on critical national issues of education, health, clean energy, veterans, and economic opportunity; and
- WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity for the people of Kentucky to salute AmeriCorps members, past and current, for their tremendous service, thank AmeriCorps community partners, and bring more Americans into service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 8-15, 2010, as

## AMERICORPS WEEK

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

Handwritten signature of Steven L. Beshear in black ink.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Trey Grayson in black ink.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State