

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, The current economic downturn means more Americans are facing hardships, and volunteering and national service is needed more than ever; and
- WHEREAS, Since 1994, AmeriCorps programs have provided opportunities for approximately 4,080 Kentuckians to give back to their communities, state and nation; and
- WHEREAS, More than 4,080 Kentuckians have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done for America," serving almost 6.5 million hours over the past 15 years to help improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our education system, protect our environment and contribute to our public safety; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky AmeriCorps members recruited and supervised more than 10,500 community volunteers during 2008 in Kentucky, demonstrating the program's value as a powerful catalyst and force multiplier; and
- WHEREAS, Congress recently passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Corporation for National and Community Service and engage more Americans in service, including a major expansion of AmeriCorps to focus 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 present, for their powerful impact and thank AmeriCorps community partners who make programs possible and bring more Americans into service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 9-16, 2009, as

AMERICORPS WEEK

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 14th day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 217th year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Beshear".

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson".

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State