

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, more than 820,000 men and women have taken the AmeriCorps pledge, serving more than one billion hours and improving the lives of countless Americans including our most vulnerable citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members serve as tutors and mentors in low performing schools, helping students succeed in school and gain the skills necessary to get 21st century jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members build trails, restore parks, protect watersheds, promote energy efficiency, weatherization, and clean energy; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps supports the military community by engaging veterans in service, helping veterans readjust to civilian life, and providing support to military families; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members help tens of thousands of faith-based and community groups expand services, build capacity, raise funds, develop new partnerships, and create innovative, sustainable programs; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps is a pathway to economic opportunity that provides members with valuable skills, leadership abilities, and experience to help jumpstart their careers; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty years ago during my first year serving in the U.S. Congress I was proud to cast a vote for the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 which created AmeriCorps;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2013 as the

### *20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013

Governor Jay Inslee

