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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting a wide range of community needs and promoting the ethic of service; and

WHEREAS, since its creation in 1994, 500,000 men and women across the nation, including 19,000 individuals from Washington, have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to “get things done for America” by becoming AmeriCorps members; and

WHEREAS, each year AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 citizens nationwide to meet critical needs in education, the environment, public safety and other areas by serving with national and local nonprofit and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members have served more than 637 million hours helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational systems; protect our environment, and contribute to our public safety; and

WHEREAS, in return for their service, AmeriCorps members have earned more than \$1.2 billion to use to further their own educational advancement at colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of their service, AmeriCorps members, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders at significantly higher levels; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportune time for the people of Washington to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact; thank all of AmeriCorps community partners who make the program possible; and bring more Americans into service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 13-20, 2007, as

AmeriCorps Week

and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 30th day of April, 2007 at Olympia, Washington.

By:

s/s

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

s/s

Secretary of State