

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including 20 programs in Washington State with more than 10,500 RSVP, Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents to serve their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington Senior Corps volunteers last year mentored 7,700 young people with special needs; helped more than 1,100 homebound seniors and other adults remain in their homes; and provided invaluable services to more than 670 groups;

**WHEREAS**, service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the fourth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 6-10, 2013, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 6-10, 2013, as

### *Senior Corps Week*

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities.



Signed this 3<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013

Governor Jay Inslee