AMERICORPS WEEK

GETTING THINGS DONE

MAY 9-16, 2009

ServeNebraska

Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission

STATE OF NEBRASKA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to encourage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting a wide range of community needs and promote the ethic of service and volunteering; and

WHEREAS, ServeNebraska - The Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission - and the Nebraska State Office of the Corporation for National & Community Service provide strong leadership in deciding where resources should be directed to best meet state and local needs and assuring effectiveness and efficiency in the meeting of these needs; and

WHEREAS, ServeNebraska has strengthened Nebraska's independent sector by investing in grants to support the efforts of nonprofit, community, educational and faith-based community groups; and these grants have leveraged additional funds and in-kind donations; and

WHEREAS, This year through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA programs more than 175 Nebraskans are devoting their talent and energy to meeting critical needs in educational, environmental, public safety and other needs through service to nonprofit, governmental and community based organizations; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Nebraskans have taken the AmeriCorp pledge to "get things done for America" as AmeriCorps members since 1994; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members last year mobilized more than 2,900 of their fellow Nebraskans to volunteer more than 24,000 hours to assist in increasing the quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members last year provided assistance to more than 17,000 Nebraska men, women and children, helping them to develop job skills, enhance their education, and increase their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members last year cumulatively provided more than 130,500 hours of service to increase quality of life in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants and nonprofit leaders; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week May 9 - 16, 2009, is an opportune time for the people of Nebraska to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni for their powerful impact, thank all of AmeriCorps' community partners in Nebraska and around our nation who make the program possible, and bring more Americans into service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of May 9 - 16, 2009, as

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in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find ways to give back to their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Nine.

Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor