STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character and throughout our history, citizens have stepped up to address challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for approximately 270,000 Americans to serve their communities through an extensive commitment to volunteer for nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps is determined to enrich the lives of its members and volunteers, building habits that create engaged citizens who actively participate in civic matters affecting their communities; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, more than 2,400 AmeriCorps members and volunteers of various ages and backgrounds help meet local needs at more than 550 locations by tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, combating the opioid epidemic, restoring the environment and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members and volunteers develop valuable work skills, earn money for continuing education and strengthen the lives of their families, communities and the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, since AmeriCorps was founded in 1994, more than 24,000 AmeriCorps members in Arizona served more than 26 million hours and qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards, totaling more than \$65.5 million; and

WHEREAS, National Service Recognition Day is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the more than 1 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2021 as

NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

in Arizona, and urge citizens to recognize AmeriCorps members, volunteers and alumni for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Sixteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE