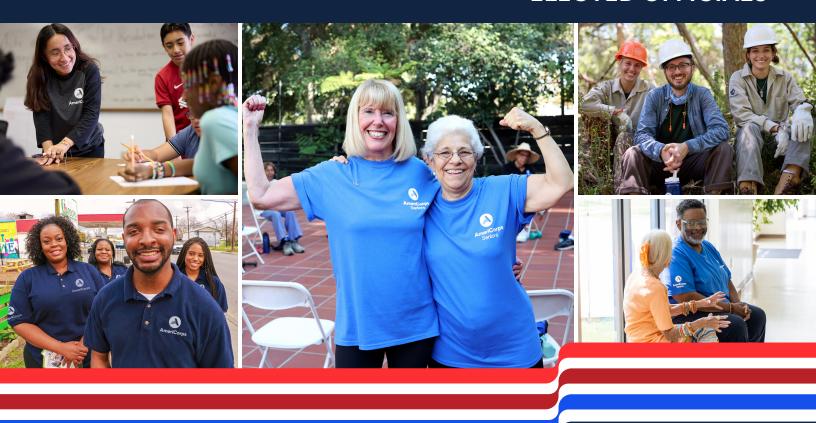


AMERICORPS WEEK GUIDE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS



AmeriCorps Week is March 10-16

During #AmeriCorps Week we recognize and give thanks to the millions of Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors and encourage others to follow in their footsteps of service.

For more than 30 years, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers have worked alongside state and local partners to meet community needs, engaging more than 200,000 Americans annually in local, results-driven service programs. 30 years ago, the first AmeriCorps members raised their right hands and pledged to get things done for America. These members helped communities nationwide during their first year of service. Since then, more than 1.25 million Americans and hundreds of thousands more AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of all backgrounds have followed in their footsteps, providing billions of hours of results-driven service across each of the 50 states and US territories. Members and volunteers ensure students are set up for success, combat hunger and homelessness, respond to natural disasters, fight the opioid epidemic, help seniors live independently, support veterans and military families, and so much more.

AmeriCorps invites elected officials to participate in AmeriCorps Week to highlight and amplify the important role of national service in your communities and districts.









Visit or Serve with a Program:

Join a local AmeriCorps or AmeriCorps Seniors program for a site visit to meet local members and volunteers, serve alongside them by becoming an "honorary AmeriCorps member" for a day, or host a recognition event for members, volunteers, and alumni.



Issue a Proclamation:

Declare March 10-16 as AmeriCorps Week in your community by issuing a proclamation in your city, county, or state. Use this Sample Proclamation and contact GovernmentRelations@americorps.gov for details about the national service footprint in your community.



Floor Speech/ **Statement for the Record:**

For Members of Congress, in the lead up to or during AmeriCorps Week, deliver floor remarks or submit a statement for the record highlighting the impact of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors in your community.



Spread the Word:

Whether you're giving a speech, issuing a press release, or writing an op-ed, this toolkit will help you communicate the impact of national service, the motivation for AmeriCorps Week, and the impact of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs have on your local community.



Amplify on Social Media:

Check out our social toolkit that includes ready-to-use social media posts and sample external communications templates.



Record a Video Message:

Post a video on social media sharing why you're thankful for AmeriCorps. If you are an AmeriCorps alum, share how service impacted your story.

AmeriCorps Week Activities

- Tuesday, March 12 Mayors Day for Service: Join Mayors from across the country to spotlight local impact of AmeriCorps in your respective cities. Register here.
- Thursday, March 14 Day of the "A": Connect with the broader AmeriCorps community by sharing pictures of you with AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers via social media by tagging #DayoftheA.



Questions?

Connect with us at GovernmentRelations@ americorps.gov.

Let us know how you plan to celebrate AmeriCorps Week and how we can help support your efforts.



