

Corporation for National and Community Service
Board of Directors

Resolution

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has described the nation's current economic situation as an unprecedented crisis that calls for unprecedented action; and

WHEREAS, to understand how the economic crisis is impacting national service grantees and the communities in which they operate, the Corporation has reached out to all of its streams of service, and has learned that while non-federal financial and in-kind support is decreasing, the need for the services provided by national service programs is growing; and

WHEREAS, the Board today has heard testimony from Corporation grantees further revealing the particular economic hardships of operating a national service program during this economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, the necessity of national and community service to provide short-term relief and long-term stability to communities in need is never more evident than in times of national economic struggle; and

WHEREAS, the nation's current economic challenge is an opportunity to demonstrate the value and efficiency of national service, and the power of civic engagement to strengthen distressed communities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors directs the Chief Executive Officer to continue reaching out to grantees and other stakeholders to ascertain the challenges faced by national service programs during the economic crisis, and to act expeditiously on requests for administrative relief of matching and other requirements where permitted, while maintaining, to the extent practicable, the important principle of using federal resources to leverage community support;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Chief Executive Officer to explore creative ways for programs to meet community needs in a more cost-effective manner, including technological innovations that lower costs, cross-program collaborations, and pooling of resources where appropriate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Chief Executive Officer to report on a regular basis the Corporation's actions to address the needs of national service programs and the communities they serve.

Approved by voice vote without objection, Feb. 4, 2009