



Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Senator Edward M. Kennedy once said: "We do not have to compel citizens to serve their country. All we have to do is ask - and provide the opportunity;" and
- WHEREAS, AmeriCorps each year provides opportunities for 85,000 Americans to serve their communities, and their country, in ways that promote public safety, protect our environment, nurture and educate our children, and rebuild our neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS, this year more than 2,700 AmeriCorps members in Illinois are displaying and deepening their ethic of service while strengthening local communities statewide; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor-appointed bipartisan Serve Illinois Commission works to make Illinois a better place for everyone by supporting community-based volunteerism and administering the Illinois AmeriCorps program; and
- WHEREAS, since 1994, more than 23,000 Illinois residents have devoted more than 26 million hours to serving their communities and their state through AmeriCorps programs; and
- WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is designed to salute past and present AmeriCorps members for their powerful impact, to thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible, and to bring even more Americans into service by shining a spotlight on the good work done by AmeriCorps members in Illinois and nationwide; and
- WHEREAS, the fourth annual National AmeriCorps Week will take place May 8-15, 2010;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby proclaim May 8-15, 2010, as **AMERICORPS WEEK** in Illinois and urge people throughout the Land of Lincoln to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their year of service and to join them in serving our country by finding new ways to build and strengthen our communities together.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
 this _____ Tenth day of _____ MAY _____, in
 the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
 _____ TEN _____, and of the State of Illinois
 the one hundred and _____ NINETY-SECOND _____

Jesse White
 SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
 GOVERNOR