STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, *the Senior Corps National Service program allows Illinoisans 55 and older the opportunity to share their expertise and passion; and,*

WHEREAS, *each year Senior Corps, including Foster Grandparents Program, Senior Companions Program, and Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, places more than 17,000 volunteers in communities throughout Illinois; and,*

WHEREAS, *these Senior Corps members have helped over 7,000 Illinois children to read, assisted over 18,000 seniors stay in their homes, and supported over 2,000 organizations to better serve their communities here in Illinois; and,*

WHEREAS, *Senior Corps volunteers contribute in ways such as veterans' assistance, disaster preparedness, and poverty reduction, and the over 3,500,000 Senior Corps hours contributed each year is valued at over $80 billion; and,*

WHEREAS, *Senior Corps Week, May 6 through 10, 2013, is an opportune time for the people of Illinois to salute Senior Corps volunteers for their service; thank Senior Corps' community partners; and bring more Americans into service; and,*

THEREFORE, *I, Pat Quinn, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 6 -10, 2013 as* ***SENIOR CORPS WEEK*** *in Illinois, and urge citizens to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and to find ways to give back to their communities.*

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 FIRST *day of* MAY *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* THIRTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois the one hundred and* NINETY-FIFTH

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR