

Proclamation

“AmeriCorps Week”

March 9-15, 2025

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, from a pioneering group of 20,000 Americans who first raised their hands to serve, AmeriCorps has grown into a nationwide force for positive change; and

Whereas, today, millions of AmeriCorps participants have contributed billions of hours of results-driven service across all 50 states and U.S. territories, creating lasting impact in communities nationwide; and

Whereas, 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; and

Whereas, AmeriCorps enriches the lives of its members, building habits that create engaged citizens who are active participants in civic matters affecting their communities long after their service terms are completed; and

Whereas, AmeriCorps members encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

Whereas, in Colorado, more than 7,100 AmeriCorps members of various ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 900 locations in the State by tutoring or mentoring children and youth, preserving environmental resources, building capacity of community partners, and supporting access to healthy food and affordable housing; and

Whereas, in exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members develop valuable work skills; earn money for continuing education; and strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and the State of Colorado as a whole; and

Whereas, since AmeriCorps was founded in 1994, 40,000 AmeriCorps members in Colorado served more than 41 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$108.5 million; and

Whereas, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the more than 1.3 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and their community partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims March 9-15, 2025, as

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and urges citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed March 11, 2025.