

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
AMERICORPS WEEK
MARCH 12-18, 2023

WHEREAS, throughout our history, citizens have stepped up to meet the challenges the State of Maryland and our nation are facing by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, at a time when civic bonds are frayed, where many feel more disconnected from their neighbors than ever before, service is the antidote to loneliness and otherness and is how we re-engage our people in the project of forming a more perfect state; and

WHEREAS, while our citizens give back, they also lay the foundation for future success and create a lifelong habit of service to our state and build a foundation for our shared future; and

WHEREAS, in Maryland, more than 1,200 AmeriCorps members and 3,800 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs over the past year at more than 650 service locations by tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, combating the opioid epidemic, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs bring people together across race, age, and zip code to address critical issues, forge relationships and cultivate mutual respect, and help build resilient and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, through their service, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and the State of Maryland as a whole; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the more than one million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps, including more than 32,000 Marylanders, and millions more who have served in AmeriCorps Seniors, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 12-18, 2023 as AMERICORPS Week in Maryland, and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 12th day of March
Two Thousand and twenty-three

Wes Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller
Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State