

## Senate Resolution 339

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Cowser of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 12-18, 2023, as AmeriCorps Week Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, service is a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to  
3 bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause, and throughout our history,  
4 citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in  
5 their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for  
7 Americans to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and  
8 community and faith-based groups across the country; and

9 WHEREAS, at this moment, there are 250,000 people serving as members or volunteers in  
10 more than 40,000 locations across all 50 states and territories; and

11 WHEREAS, in Georgia, more than 1,650 AmeriCorps members, AmeriCorps Seniors, and  
12 volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 21  
13 service locations across the State of Georgia by responding to COVID-19, tutoring or  
14 mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, combating the  
15 opioid epidemic, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia SERVES (Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism) is the  
17 administrative agency for funds from the AmeriCorp/Corporation for National Community  
18 Service, and Georgia SERVES along with AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors  
19 volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in  
20 service and acquiring the support of business, foundation, and other local partners to increase  
21 the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

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

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

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

31 WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in  
32 community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact  
33 and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

34 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and  
35 commitment of the more than 1.2 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country  
36 through AmeriCorps as well as the millions more who have served in AmeriCorps Seniors

37 and their community partners, encouraging more Americans to follow their footsteps in  
38 service.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 recognize March 12-18, 2023, as AmeriCorps Week Georgia and urge citizens to thank  
41 AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers for their service and  
42 to find their own ways to give back to their communities.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
44 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
45 press.