
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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FONTANA, STREET, COMITTA, KANE, J. WARD, SCHWANK, PITTMAN,
HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, STEFANO AND COSTA, MARCH 21, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of March 13 through 19, 2022, as
2 "AmeriCorps Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Since the creation of AmeriCorps in 1994, the
4 AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be highly
5 effective in engaging Americans of all ages and backgrounds in
6 meeting a wide range of community needs and promoting the ethics
7 of service and volunteerism; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, AmeriCorps, including AmeriCorps State
9 and National, AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps
10 Seniors, provides opportunities for 270,000 individuals across
11 our nation, including 11,500 individuals in this Commonwealth,
12 to give back in an intensive way to communities by helping to
13 improve the lives of this Commonwealth's most vulnerable
14 residents, strengthening the educational system, protecting the
15 environment and contributing to public safety; and

16 WHEREAS, PennSERVE and AmeriCorps have strengthened this
17 Commonwealth's private sector by engaging in the following:

1 (1) Investing more than \$33 million during the past year
2 to support the efforts of more than 1,500 nonprofit
3 organizations, schools and community groups.

4 (2) Providing grants that leveraged more than \$28
5 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations,
6 public agencies and other sources.

7 (3) Strengthening community impact.

8 (4) Increasing the return on taxpayer dollars;

9 and

10 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members nationwide, in return for their
11 service, have earned more than \$4 billion in Segal AmeriCorps
12 Education Awards to further their own educational advancement at
13 colleges and universities, including \$182 million awarded to
14 residents of this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, After their terms of service end, AmeriCorps members
16 remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers,
17 public servants and nonprofit leaders at disproportionately high
18 levels; and

19 WHEREAS, "AmeriCorps Week" is an opportune time for the
20 residents of this Commonwealth to salute AmeriCorps members and
21 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of the past and present for their
22 powerful impact and thank all AmeriCorps community partners in
23 this Commonwealth who make the program possible and bring more
24 Americans into service; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of March 13
26 through 19, 2022, as "AmeriCorps Week" in Pennsylvania; and be
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all residents of this
29 Commonwealth to thank AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors
30 volunteers of the past and present for their service to our

1 communities.