



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 age 55 and older the opportunity to share their expertise and passion; and,

WHEREAS, each year Senior Corps, including the Foster Grandparents Program, Senior Companions Program, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, places more than 11,000 volunteers in communities throughout Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, these Senior Corps members have helped more than 3,600 Illinois children learn to read, assisted more than 590 seniors stay in their homes, and supported more than 1,400 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; the more than 3,500,000 Senior Corps hours contributed each year is valued at more than \$90 million; and,

WHEREAS, Senior Corps Week 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;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 15-19, 2017, 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.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this THIRD *day of* MAY *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SEVENTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-NINTH *.*

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR