



P18-_____, Village of Westmont

National Service Recognition Day Proclamation
April 3, 2018

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and

WHEREAS, participants in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 60,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our city's economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, many national service participants of all ages and backgrounds serve in Westmont providing vital support to city residents and improving the quality of life in our city; and

WHEREAS, ten AmeriCorps VISTAs serve at Northern Illinois Food Bank helping to solve hunger in northern Illinois.

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

WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the **Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 3, 2018**.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor of the Village of Westmont, do hereby proclaim **April 3, 2018, as National Service Recognition Day**, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, this 15th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk