STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; AmeriCorps provides service opportunities for more than 75,000 Americans at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups all across the country; and

WHEREAS; AmeriCorps enriches the lives of its members, fostering habits that develop engaged citizens who are active participants in civic matters long after their service terms are completed; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin more than 771 AmeriCorps members helped to meet local needs at nearly 400 locations in the state by tutoring or mentoring kids, combatting the opioid epidemic, providing programming for people with disabilities, helping homeless and runaway youth, restoring the environment, enhancing the work of non-profit organizations, promoting economic opportunity, and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS; since AmeriCorps was founded in 1993, more than 26,000 AmeriCorps members in Wisconsin have served more than 40 million hours; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin AmeriCorps members have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$101.2 million, with the University of Wisconsin system being in the top ten universities with students receiving these payments nationwide; and

WHEREAS; September 2019 will mark the 25th anniversary of AmeriCorps; and

WHEREAS; AmeriCorps Week recognizes the dedication and commitment of the more than 1 million Americans who have chosen to serve our country through AmeriCorps and their community partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of March 10-16, 2019 as

AMERICORPS WEEK

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 8th day of March 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State