

P R O C L A M A T I O N

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

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

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities; they educate students for 21st century jobs, fight the opioid epidemic, respond to natural disasters, and support veterans and military families; 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 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 2, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim April 2, 2019 as National Service Recognition Day, and encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

**Cheryl Selby
Mayor**