

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS The nation's counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet county 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 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our county's economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, **162** senior volunteers in Hopkins County contributed over **31,140** hours which, according to the Independent Sector valuation, represents **\$767,913** of service given back to the community; and

WHEREAS National service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

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

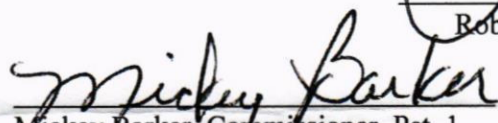
WHEREAS National service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with city and county officials nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and mayors and county officials across the country for the **Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on April 4, 2017.**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Hopkins County, acting in its capacity as the governing body of Hopkins County, does hereby proclaim April 4th, 2017, as **National Service Recognition Day**, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Hopkins County Commissioners Court at the regularly scheduled meeting on the 27th day of March, 2017.


Robert Newsom, County Judge


Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1


Mike Odell, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3


Danny Evans, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:
