

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 21, 2018**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 3, 2018 AS NATIONAL SERVICE  
RECOGNITION DAY**

**Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee**

Commissioner Rogers moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Whitacre.

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

**WHEREAS**, the nation's Cities and County Governments 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, from educating students for the jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting 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**, 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 local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the 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 3, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Eaton County, Michigan, does hereby proclaim April 3, 2018, 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. Carried.