

**No. R-75. House concurrent resolution recognizing March 12–18 as AmeriCorps Week in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.56)

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Whereas, the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 established the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), of which the family of AmeriCorps programs is a central component, and

Whereas, since 1994, more than 1.25 million Americans have served as AmeriCorps members or volunteers, and the comparable number of Vermonters exceeds 6,200, and

Whereas, in 2023, there are 200,000 Americans serving at 40,000 AmeriCorps locations nationwide, and

Whereas, SerVermont is the State office that oversees over 2,200 AmeriCorps members and volunteers at 420 service locations known as AmeriCorps National, AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), AmeriCorps State, and AmeriCorps VISTA, and

Whereas, the Vermont programs, at which younger Vermonters can earn future educational scholarship support, are ECO VT (Environmental Careers and Opportunities AmeriCorps), LEAP (Lyndon Economic Opportunity AmeriCorps Program), Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps AmeriCorps, and VYDC (Vermont Youth Development Corps State Program), each of which directly improves either the lives of Vermonters or the quality of the State's natural resources, and

Whereas, Vermonters ages 55 and older serve as AmeriCorps volunteers through the Senior Corps, Foster Grandparents, RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) and Senior Companions, and

Whereas, the CNCS has designated the week of March 12–18 as AmeriCorps Week, and this commemoration honors all the individuals, both past and present who have served in AmeriCorps and made significant contributions to our State and nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the week of March 12–18 as AmeriCorps Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to SerVermont.