

Mayors Day of Recognition For National Service April 2, 2019

- 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, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve with, 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 leaders 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 local leaders across the country for National Service on April 2, 2019.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, William L. Courtright, Mayor of the City of Scranton, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2019, as National Service Recognition

 Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community; to thank all those who serve in so many of our organizations in the City of Scranton and to find ways to give back to their communities.

William L. Courtright Mayor

