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**SUBJECT: Mayor Larson to Recognize National Service Recognition Day and National Volunteer Week**

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**Mayor Larson to Recognize National Service Recognition Day and National Volunteer Week**

[Duluth, MN] - Mayor Emily Larson will be joined by local Corporation for National and Community Service members and other community volunteers as she recognizes and honors their service to the Duluth area today, April 23 at 1:00pm in Duluth City Hall. These National Service members and community volunteers dedicate their time and talents to assist and impact the lives of children, seniors and veterans through area schools, faith based organizations, non-profits, and local agencies.

Mayor Larson and Duluth Parks and Recreation will make remarks at 1:15pm followed by a reception for attendees. The event will take place in the Mayor's Reception Room, #405 in Duluth City Hall, 411 West First Street.

**AGENDA**

1:00 – Gathering

1:15 – Welcome and Remarks from Mayor Larson (Cheryl/Mayor Larson)

1:20/25 – Introduction of Megan Lidd to talk about Parks and Rec AmeriCorps (Mayor Larson/Megan Lidd)

1:25/30 – Picture

1:30-2:00 – Networking and Refreshments

**KEY TALKING POINTS FOR MAYOR'S EVENT**

**Why we are here?**

To celebrate the contributions of our local National Service members who provide enormous impact in our community, as well as to recognize the service of the many volunteers who help fuel our local non-profit agencies.

**Who are we celebrating?**

We recognize those who serve to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement. We celebrate those who are serving to create sustainable and resilient communities. We honor those who give of themselves and their time to tutor and mentor youth, support food banks and homeless shelters, restore parks and public lands, manage community volunteers and so much more.

**What is National Service?**

National Service is also commonly referred to as AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is a program coordinated by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for service and volunteering that engages millions of citizens in service at more than 50,000 locations across the country through the AmeriCorps (including VISTA and NCCC), Senior Corps (including Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP), and other programs.

**Who is here?**

- Representatives from the following local National Service AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs
- RSVP, Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions
- Reading Corps
- Math Corps
- AmeriCorps Vista

- Conservation Corps
- True North AmeriCorps
- GreenCorps
- StreamCorps
- Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps
- Minnesota Alliance with Youth - Promise Fellows

-Volunteers from local service programs

### **Why is service important?**

Given the many needs facing our communities – and the fiscal constraints facing government at all levels – mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective solution to meet local needs. We know we can't do it alone.

### **What can you do to get involved?**

National service and volunteerism shows the best of the American spirit – people turning toward problems instead of away, working together to find community solutions. Today, as we thank national service members and volunteers for their commitment, let us all pledge to do our part to strengthen our county through service and volunteering. Learn more about volunteering at

[www.volunteerduluth.org](http://www.volunteerduluth.org) and open national service positions in the Duluth area at [www.serveminnesota.org](http://www.serveminnesota.org).

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