

## **Volunteer Appreciation Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has designated the month of April as the time to recognize the hard work, dedication and passion of volunteers and national service members throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, last year, more than 65 million Americans gave their time in service to our nation, which is a testament to the compassion and generosity of the American spirit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando commemorates National Volunteer Appreciation Month by recognizing its valued volunteers and national service members at the annual Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Reception and the Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service; and

WHEREAS, government alone cannot meet all of our nation's needs, so we partner with businesses, faith-based organizations, non-profit organizations, foundations and individuals who serve in city government and in our community to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to encouraging volunteerism and national service among its employees, citizens, partners, businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, The City supports the Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service, recognizes the impact of national service in addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing cities and counties and thanks all individuals serving in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs in Metro Orlando and across the nation.

WHEREAS, the City is a proud member of the national Cities of Service Coalition and is implementing Mayor Dyer's Cities of Service Initiative: ORLANDO CARES, to engage more residents and partners in "impact volunteering" that fosters youth literacy, youth crime prevention and community safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer**, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim the month of April 2016 as

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in the City of Orlando and urge our citizens to volunteer or give national service in our communities throughout the year. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we promote partnership, understanding and collaborative problem-solving in our community.