



Resolution on National Service for Weld County Retired Senior Volunteer Program from the Town of Milliken

NATIONAL SERVICE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Milliken is increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet town needs; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, shares a priority with the Town of Milliken to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, national service participants address the most pressing challenges facing our cities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; 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, national service participants serve in nearly 60,000 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 recruiting and 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 leads President Obama's Task Force on Expanding National Service through which it is partnering with the public and private sectors to solve problems and create more national service opportunities; and

WHEREAS, annually more than 300,000 Senior Corps volunteers serve children, the elderly, and veterans,

WHEREAS, Weld County RSVP volunteers provide over 150,000 hours annually to Weld County serving children, seniors and veterans,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Town of Milliken supports the following policy priorities:

- Support National Service as a critical and effective solution to community challenges facing Milliken; and
- Commit to working with RSVP of Weld County in Milliken that partners with the Corporation for National and Community Service to further their impact in Milliken and across the nation; and
- Encourage Milliken to continue its partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service to create additional sources of funding for national service through other local government agencies; and
- Recognizing RSVP of Weld County as a valuable asset to the Town of Milliken

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Shafer, MA
Director, RSVP of Weld County