

City of Durant **Proclamation**

Whereas, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges. The nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and,

Whereas, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters. This past year in Durant, 129,556 hours of volunteer service has been logged. National service members and volunteers here in Durant are actively engaged in efforts to address important community needs. Notable contributions locally include: Congregate Meals, Meals on Wheels, Transportation of veterans and senior citizens, Blood Drives, Tax Aide, food pantries, and tutoring, to name a few; 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. National service participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being. 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. 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,

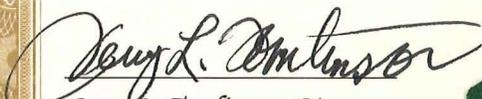
Whereas, AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors. The Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with mayors across the country to support the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 9, 2013.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that I, Jerry L. Tomlinson, Mayor of the City of Durant, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2013, as

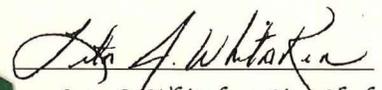
"Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service"

in the city of Durant and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to our community.

*Given under my hand and the
Seal of the City of Durant
This 9th day of April 2013*


Jerry L. Tomlinson, Mayor




Leta J. Whitaker, City Clerk