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Dear Sir or Madam;

We would like to invite you to support the **“Mayors and Counties Recognition Day for National Service”** to be held on Friday, April 7, 2017—a special day meant to recognize the value of volunteerism across the nation.

Our nation’s mayors, town supervisors and other county officials are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective strategy to address local challenges. By unleashing the power of citizens, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs have a positive and lasting impact – making our cities, towns and counties better places to live. To spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve, please consider participating in the fifth annual Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on April 7, 2017.

On this day, officials will hold public events and use traditional or social media to highlight the value of national service in their local communities. Last year, 3,539 elected officials representing more than 178 million citizens participated in Recognition Day activities. This initiative is led by the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service and the Corporation for National and Community Service, the leading grant funder of Senior Corps.

Also, this year’s *National Volunteer Week* will run from April 23-29, 2017. We invite all Orange County residents to think about donating some time and special skills to a local non-profit or community organization that serves the needs of local residents. From Hospice to Literacy to Meal Delivery and more – there are many ways to support your fellow Orange County residents! Orange County RSVP alone has more than 30 volunteer stations with more than 500 volunteers over the age of 55 actively serving last year. Since 1994, more than 750 Orange County residents have served more than 1.3 million hours and have qualified for national funding to support their efforts.

May we suggest that you post this special day of recognition to your governmental website, bring it up at your next legislature or council meeting, or even post on your Facebook account about your support of the volunteers in your community who **“help get things done?”** So many services to our local citizens would not be possible without the generosity of time and spirit of volunteers within our own communities. Please take a moment to show your support to your volunteers in Orange County on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>!

May we count on your participation in this year’s Recognition Day? We would be so proud to list your name on the CNCS website as a supporter of volunteerism in Orange County! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have about how you can join in this initiative.

Thank you!

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