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### **Mayor Perrin joins Day of Recognition for National Service**

JONESBORO – On Tuesday, April 5, Mayor Harold Perrin will join more than 800 mayors across the country for Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, a nationwide bipartisan effort to highlight the impact of national service in tackling city problems.

“National service is a vital resource for our city,” Perrin said. “AmeriCorps, VISTA and Senior Corps members have a positive and lasting impact, making our city a better place to live. As Mayor, I am grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens who are helping make our great city stronger, safer and healthier.”

Perrin will recognize local national service members during a ceremony at 2 p.m. in the Municipal Center.

Given the many social needs facing communities and the fiscal constraints facing government at all levels, mayors are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs. Seven AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers serve in Jonesboro, providing vital support at Hispanic Community Services Inc. and East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging.

“Mayors are leaders who get things done, responding every day to needs in their cities,” said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “I commend Mayor Perrin for joining in this important effort to recognize the impact of national service.”

As the federal agency for service and volunteering, CNCS annually engages more than 5 million citizens in service at more than 70,000 locations in 8,500 cities through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and other programs. National service participants address pressing from educating

students for the jobs to supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment to helping communities recover from natural disasters.

By shining the spotlight on the impact of service and thanking those who do it, mayors hope to inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

“National service shows the best of the American spirit – people turning toward problems instead of away, working together to find community solutions,” Perrin said. “Today, as we thank national service members for their commitment, let us all pledge to do our part to strengthen our city through service and volunteering.”

For more information on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, go online to [www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice](http://www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice).

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