

NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

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

WHEREAS, participants address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for 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 the Foster Grandparent Program in Cumberland County has volunteers placed at the Crossville Head Start, Home Away From Home centers to work one on one with children with special and exceptional needs for 20 to 40 hours a week to help make a difference in these children's lives; and

WHEREAS the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in Cumberland County has volunteers placed at Mara Ministries, Life Care Nursing Home, FCE Mountain Homemakers bloodmobiles, South Cumberland School, Pleasant Hill School, and the Pleasant Hill Recycling Center; 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 shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 1, 2014.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, J. H. Graham, III, Mayor of Crossville, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2014, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city and thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.