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**GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER PROCLAIMS MAY 13-20, 2007 AS
AMERICORPS WEEK**

Sacramento – Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed May 13-20, 2007 as “AmeriCorps Week”, CaliforniaVolunteers announced today.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

Maria Shriver
Honorary Chair

Karen Baker
Executive Director

“As we observe AmeriCorps Week, I encourage all Californians to join me in commending AmeriCorps volunteers for their dedication to their communities,” said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. “Their inspiring examples of service are a great motivation for all of us to give back to our neighborhoods and to everyone in need.”

AmeriCorps was established in 1993 and provides thousands of Americans of all ages, abilities and backgrounds with year-long full and part time opportunities to serve their communities and meet local environmental, educational, public safety, or other human needs.

The first-ever AmeriCorps Week marks a historic milestone as the 500,000th AmeriCorps member will take the pledge to “Get Things Done” for America. Since the program began, more than 69,000 Californians have served nearly 73 million hours in communities across the state.

“I extend my deepest gratitude to every AmeriCorps member in California who committed a year of service to our state and nation,” said Karen Baker, executive director of CaliforniaVolunteers. “Through their service, they strengthened our communities and improved the lives of those around them.”

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CaliforniaVolunteers manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering including AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps and the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning. Californians of all ages can access more than 25,000 volunteer opportunities across the state on CaliforniaVolunteers.org involving the arts, education, animals, disaster preparedness, the environment and other areas of interest.

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