261-032018 1 Proclaim April 3, 2018, as National Services Recognition Day in **RESOLUTION:** 2 Winnebago County 3 4 TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: 5 WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character and central to how we meet our 6 7 challenges; and 8 WHEREAS, the nation's local governments are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a 9 cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and 10 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to 11 12 natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and 13 WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable and resilient communities, and by providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and 14 15 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social 16 17 well-being; and 18 WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through 19 their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and 20 WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community 21 solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return of taxpayer dollars; and 22 23 WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an 24 intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and 25 WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local leaders 26 nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities, and it is joining with the National League 27 of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National 28 Service Recognition Day on April 3, 2018. 29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby 30 proclaims April 3, 2018, as National Service Recognition Day in Winnebago County and encourages residents to 31 recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give 32 back to their communities. 33 Respectfully submitted by: 34 **PAUL EISEN, District 4** 35

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