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EXECUTIVE ORDER 16-08

UPDATING EO 14-06, SERVE WASHINGTON

PREAMBLE

One of Washington State's most valuable resources is the commitment of its citizens to service and volunteerism. Since its creation in 1994, the Washington Commission for National and Community Service has helped carry on our long tradition of citizen involvement by providing opportunities for Washingtonians of all ages to improve their communities through service. In adapting state government to meet 21st century demands and opportunities, we must ensure that our approach to fostering volunteerism and citizen service remains as innovative as our state.

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has a long and distinguished history and is a recognized leader at implementing national model efforts that promote the ethic of citizen service;

WHEREAS, the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 required the Governor to establish and maintain a state Commission on Service to be eligible for federal support of national service efforts;

WHEREAS, Governor Lowry established the Washington Commission for National and Community Service on February 17, 1994, and charged it with improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic participation through service and volunteering; and

WHEREAS, innovation is a core value in the state of Washington and continuous improvement and adaptation is vital to effectively foster and facilitate the Washingtonian commitment to service and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the state of Washington do, effective immediately, hereby order and direct as follows:

I. Serve Washington

The Washington Commission for National and Community Service shall be renamed "Serve Washington."

II. Mission

Serve Washington is charged with the following duties:

- A. Comply with federal requirements pertaining to State Commissions on National and Community Service, outlined at 42 U.S.C. § 12638;
- B. Seek additional sources of non-federal funds, especially private funds, to meet matching requirements and build upon existing service initiatives;
- C. Provide recommendations to the Governor pertaining to legislative or policy initiatives that promote the ethic of service;
- D. Identify existing and new policies or practices that lead to the expansion of national service opportunities in Washington and support federal programs and efforts that expand national service; and
- E. Provide the leadership and vision, alongside local volunteer organizations, civic and community groups, and units of government, to make service a part of the lives of all Washingtonians.

III. Membership

Serve Washington shall have 20 members, all appointed by the Governor. Membership of the Commission shall be as follows:

- A. A member with expertise in the educational, training, and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;
- B. A member with experience in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and voluntarism;
- C. A member representing community-based agencies or organizations in Washington;
- D. The head of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction or the head's designated representative;
- E. A member representing a local government entity;
- F. A member representing the organized labor community;
- G. A member representing the business community;
- H. A member between the ages of 16 and 25 who is a participant or supervisor in a program;
- I. A representative of a national service program described in 42 U.S.C. §12572(a), (b), or (c);
- J. Four members of the general public;
- K. A member from the volunteer sector;
- L. A member representing an emergency management and response organization;
- M. A member representing the State's tribal community;
- N. A member who is a military veteran or represents a veteran-serving organization;
- O. The director of the Washington State Student Achievement Council or the director's designee who has expertise in community service and/or volunteerism shall serve as an ex-officio nonvoting member;
- P. The director of the Washington State Department of Commerce or the director's designee who has expertise in community service or volunteerism shall serve as an ex-officio nonvoting member; and
- Q. A representative from the Washington State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service shall serve as an ex-officio nonvoting member.

IV. Leadership and Operation

Members of Serve Washington shall elect a chairperson, from within the Commission’s membership, to preside over Commission proceedings. All members shall serve three-year terms. Voting members may be appointed for no more than three consecutive full terms. The Governor shall fill any vacancy on the Commission by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) administers federal grants and provides state resources for the staffing and support of Serve Washington. The Director of OFM shall appoint an Executive Director of Serve Washington. Members of Serve Washington shall receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with OFM policies.

This Executive Order, which supersedes Executive Order 14-06, shall take effect immediately.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 24th day of August, 2016, at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Jay Inslee
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State