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SUBJECT: Mayor Ness to Join Nationwide Effort to Recognize Impact of National Service

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Mayor Ness to Join Nationwide Effort to Recognize Impact of National Service

[Duluth, MN]– Mayor Don Ness will join more than 1,000 mayors across the country in a week of recognition to highlight the impact of national service on city challenges.

Mayor Ness will host a social hour today in honor of all national service members participating in the community, as well as their supervisors and sponsoring local organizations. This event takes place during National Volunteer Week.

The nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to address city challenges at a time of fiscal constraint. More than fifty AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members serve in Duluth, proving vital support to city residents and organizations, including schools and youth serving agencies.

The Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service is a national bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service in cities, to thank those who serve, and to encourage citizens to give back to their communities.

WHAT: Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service/Honoring Volunteer Week

WHO: Mayor Don Ness, city officials to host national service members, media, public

WHERE: Mayor's Reception Room, Fourth Floor, Duluth City Hall

WHEN: Today, April 10th, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

The Mayors Day of Recognition is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the National League of Cities, Cities of Service, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors President Scott Smith. For more information, visit NationalService.gov/mayorsforservice.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, the Social Innovation Fund and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads President Barack Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit National Service.gov.