Corporation for National and Community Service Board of Directors

Resolution

WHEREAS, research has shown that service-learning has an enduring positive impact on students' academic achievement, personal and social development, and civic engagement, particularly among students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and that the historically high level of volunteering demonstrated by America's youth has been attributed in part to the growth of service-learning in our nation's schools; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service supports the expansion of service-learning through Learn and Serve America, Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, VISTA, NCCC, and other initiatives such as the President's Community Service Honor Roll, the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse, and the Bring Learning to Life PSA campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, through Resolution 2005-011, approved "Engaging Students in Communities" as one of Corporation's five strategic initiatives, and set a national goal to integrate service-learning into at least half of all elementary and secondary schools and to engage 5 million college students in service by the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, more than 25 nonprofit organizations, led by the National Service-Learning Partnership, have organized the first Learn & Serve Challenge in order to raise awareness of the value and impact of service-learning and Learn and Serve America; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service reaffirms its strong support for service-learning, recognizes Learn and Serve America for its pivotal role in advancing service-learning, and expresses its gratitude to the organizers of the Learn & Serve Challenge for their support for achieving our mutual goals for service-learning and engaging students in America.

Approved by voice vote without objection, September 19, 2007