

Corporation for National and Community Service  
Board of Directors

## Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors, through Resolution 2005-013, dated September 21, 2005, accepted President Bush's challenge to the Corporation to be the lead volunteer agency in responding to hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, through that same resolution, previously directed the CEO and staff of the Corporation to give a high priority to Katrina relief; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporation programs have played a pivotal role in restoring stricken Gulf Coast communities by deploying more than 35,000 participants in National Service programs, who, in turn, coordinated, trained, and supervised nearly 100,000 community volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation's work to date in the Gulf Coast will serve to strengthen the nation's disaster response and recovery mechanisms, to build stronger communities, and to promote the continued growth of a national ethic of service and civic participation throughout America; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Board recently accompanied the CEO and members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on a multi-day tour of the damaged Gulf Coast region and witnessed the invaluable contribution of National Service participants in serving the critical needs of thousands, overcoming the seemingly insurmountable destruction and devastation, and earning the gratitude and appreciation of the affected communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina more than 575,000 Americans of every walk of life had volunteered their time and energy in restoring Gulf Coast communities.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board commends the 35,000 national service participants and the 575,000 community volunteers and recommends that, where appropriate, these individuals receive the President's Volunteer Service Award; and

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Board expresses its appreciation to the more than 40 organizations that worked with the Corporation to track and report their volunteers' efforts and directs the CEO to send appropriate recognition on behalf of the Board to each of the organizations; and

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Board of Directors reaffirms its commitment to supporting the volunteer response to the needs of the hurricane-ravaged communities in the Gulf Coast region, commends the Corporation for its leadership

shown to date, and directs the Corporation to redouble its efforts in deploying National Service resources to support the region's long-term recovery.