

**2016 Resolution No: 4**

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## **Resolution Supporting the Adoption of Employers of National Service**

WHEREAS, national service, including AmeriCorps and Peace Corps, grant individuals opportunity to gain experience in a variety of fields, including disaster services, economic opportunity and development, agriculture, education, environmental stewardship, health, youth development, and veterans affairs; and

WHEREAS, national service develops essential skills, which make alumni strong leaders who are motivated, flexible, innovative, and outcome-oriented, who learn quickly, work well on diverse teams, and know how to mobilize others to tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing our nation and our world; and

WHEREAS, national service makes AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other national service alumni high-quality employees for any organization; and

WHEREAS, there are over 900,000 Americans who have participated in AmeriCorps since 1994 and over 215,000 who have participated in the Peace Corps since 1961; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2014, President Obama launched Employers of National Service; and

WHEREAS, Employers of National Service is the name given to the initiative co-sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Peace Corps, AmeriCorps Alums, the National Peace Corps Association, and the Service Year Alliance, established to connect AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other national service alumni with employers from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors; and

WHEREAS, cities, in particular, stand to gain from an influx of motivated, passionate, dedicated civil servants, skilled and experienced in serving communities; and

WHEREAS, 12 cities have already joined on as Employers of National Service and recognize the benefit to their workforce, and 4 additional cities have just recently joined,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Conference of Mayors urges all cities, townships, villages, etc. to become Employers of National Service.

**Projected Cost:** Unknown