

# Proclamation



## DAY TO SERVE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

**WHEREAS**, Day to Serve is an annual initiative that unites bi-partisan government, faith and community leaders from Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia to work together to improve our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, more than 64,200 volunteers including over 22,000 youth in 2016, completed over 237,900 hours of service at 1,500 events throughout the region; and



**WHEREAS**, these volunteers collected and donated 825,800 pounds of food to food banks, food kitchens and pantries - collected trash and planted trees; and

**WHEREAS**, Day to Serve partners and volunteers help clean up neighborhoods, collect food, build bridges among people, and encourage everyone to participate in activities to better their environment; and

**WHEREAS**, faith-based organizations and community partners throughout the region play an important role in providing beneficial programs and services that will benefit the District of Columbia and surrounding areas:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2017 in Washington, DC, as a "DAY TO SERVE".

