

Proclamation

Know all citizens by these presents that:

WHEREAS, volunteering of one's time and resources is a noble, fulfilling pursuit which epitomizes our nation's heritage and is essential to its well being; and

WHEREAS, services donated by volunteers play a crucial role in meeting many of society's challenges which could not otherwise be resolved by government alone, due to their nature and magnitude; and

WHEREAS, this initiative seeks to engage Chesapeake's youth to improve communities by increasing the number and diversity of young people, ages 5-25, through community service and service-learning; and

WHEREAS, thousands of our citizens work, each day, not for profit or recognition, but to build stronger communities and to serve human needs; and

WHEREAS, youth who are engaged in volunteer service do better in school and are at less risk of engaging in risky behaviors, such as drug and alcohol use, crime, and promiscuity; and

WHEREAS, the 21st Annual Global Youth Service Day, a Program of Youth Service America, in partnership with the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) and the State Farm Companies Foundation, takes place on April 24-26, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Alan P. Krasnoff, Mayor of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2009 as

"YOUTH SERVICE MONTH"

in the City of Chesapeake and urge residents to observe this week by recognizing the valuable work done by youth volunteers, and encourage them to assume their duty as citizens of this community and this nation by getting connected through volunteering.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Chesapeake to be affixed hereto this twenty-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord, Two thousand nine.




ALAN P. KRASNOFF, MAYOR.