

Mayor Fuller Presents Proclamation for National Service Recognition Day



At the April 4 City Council meeting, Mayor Gary Fuller and the City Council presented a Proclamation for **National Service Recognition Day** to Bridget Woodyard of EASE. The proclamation stated in part:

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Program and Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Lee & Russell Counties are national programs of Senior Corps. Currently, there is a combined total of 51 volunteers under FGP and RSVP serving in the Lee County Area in schools, American Red Cross, EAMC, senior centers and senior housing complexes for the betterment of our community while keeping seniors healthy and active; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, national service participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve with, both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika, Alabama by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2017, as **NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY**, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have here under set my hand and caused the seal of Opelika, Alabama, to be affixed this the 4th day of April 2017.