RESOLUTION #16-____
A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 5, 2016 AS
NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

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

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

WHEREAS, Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families, to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; 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, Senior Corps participants serve in more than 60,000 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, both through their direct service and by 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, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Brookings County utilizes the Retired & Senior Volunteer (RSVP) program in the Sheriff's Department, the county has volunteer storm spotters, Disabled American Veterans van drivers volunteer their time to take veterans to appointments, and the county appoints volunteers to boards that serve Brookings County; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with counties nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National Association of Counties across the country for the County Day of Recognition for National Service on April 5, 2016.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brookings County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 5, 2016, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2016.

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Chairperson, Brookings County Commission

ATTEST:

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Brookings County Finance Officer