

January 17, 2007

Mr. Rusty Dupray
Chair, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Chairman Dupray:

The Peace Corps will celebrate its 47th anniversary to commemorate the March 1, 1961 signing of the Executive Order establishing the agency. We would like to invite you to participate in our anniversary celebration by issuing a proclamation pronouncing the week of February 25 through March 3, 2008 as Peace Corps Week in El Dorado County. This proclamation would pay tribute to the more than 25,832 men and women from California who have served as Peace Corps Volunteers since 1961, and who continue to build a legacy of service for the next generation. The Peace Corps would be most honored if you could issue such a proclamation. Attached you will find draft language of a proclamation for your use.

Forty-six years after its inception, the Peace Corps continues to recruit American citizens to be Volunteers. Today, Volunteers spend two years living and working alongside local people in 74 countries - fulfilling the mission articulated more than four decades ago. The Peace Corps' 47th anniversary represents a significant opportunity to expand the public's awareness of the Peace Corps and to pay tribute to the contributions Americans have made to the cause of peace and human progress in 139 countries around the world.

California residents continue to be a rich source of committed and talented Peace Corps Volunteers for assignments in the areas of education, health and HIV/AIDS, information technology, business development, agriculture, and the environment. We hope you can join us in honoring their volunteer service and in commemorating the Peace Corps' anniversary by proclaiming February 25 through March 3, 2008 as Peace Corps Week.

Thank you for your generous consideration of this request and for your support of the Peace Corps.

Sincerely,
/s/ Janet Allen
Regional Office Manager

Enclosure