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The Peace Corps will celebrate its 49th anniversary to commemorate the March 1, 1961 signing of the Executive Order establishing the agency. This proclamation pays tribute to the more than 26,249 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.

Forty-eight 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' 49th 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.