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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Camden County Board of Commissioners join Nationwide Effort to Recognize Impact of National Service

**WOODBINE, GEORGIA – April 5, 2016** - County Administrator Steve Howard joins more than 3539 county officials and mayors across the country in a nationwide bipartisan initiative to highlight the impact of national service in tackling local problems.



“National service is a vital resource for our county,” said County Administrator Steve Howard. “AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers make our counties better places to live. As County Administrator, I am grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens, who are helping make our great county and cities stronger, safer, and healthier.”

Given the many social needs facing communities, county and city leaders are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective strategy to meet local needs. Camden County has one AmeriCorps member, Lynn Crews, who has been a great asset to the Camden County Cooperative Extension and 4-H program. Lynn has served our county since September 2015. Her main focus has been on leading 4-H club meetings, recruiting and working with volunteers, promoting the Project Achievement public speaking contest, and assisting with the daily tasks related to the 4-H program. This is Lynn’s second time working with the UGA Extension Office. Previously, she worked as an agent for Charlton County Extension following college and a military tour with the Army in Germany. It was in Germany that Lynn met her husband and he was the one who introduced her to Camden County. She retired from the Department of Education in Charlton County after working with the Pre-K program and teaching at the middle school level. Lynn feels that “it has been very rewarding to return to Camden County with the Extension Service and see the growth, development and local leadership which make Camden County a great place to volunteer.”

The Mayor and County Day of Recognition for National Service is a nationwide bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service in counties, to thank those who serve, and to encourage citizens to give back to their communities. The day is sponsored by the Corporation for National and

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Community Service (CNCS), the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and Cities of Service.

Camden County's FY 2015 Annual Report's theme was "Investing in Our Community – Strengthening Relationships." This theme is in line with the AmeriCorps Spirit of Volunteerism. Camden County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jimmy Starline, Kingsland Mayor Kenneth Smith, St. Marys Mayor John F. Morrissey, and Woodbine Mayor Steve Parrott all recognize the positive impact that National Service has in their communities and registered support online at [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov) for Mayor and County Recognition Day.

As the federal agency for service and volunteering, CNCS annually engages millions of Americans in service at more than 50,000 locations through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and other programs. National service participants address the most pressing challenges facing our counties and nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters.

Across the nation, county officials and mayors are participating in a variety of activities, including visiting national service programs, hosting roundtables, issuing proclamations, and communicating about national service through social media. By shining the spotlight on the impact of service and thanking those who serve, local officials hope to inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

"National service shows the best of the American spirit – people turning toward problems instead of away, working together to find community solutions," said Commissioner Starline. "Today, as we thank national service members for their commitment, let us all pledge to do our part to strengthen our county through service and volunteering."

For more information, including background and a list of participating county officials and mayors, please visit [NationalService.gov/RecognitionDay](http://NationalService.gov/RecognitionDay).

**About Camden County:** Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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