

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Eugene, Oregon
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our country's commitment to encourage progress and peace, to create opportunity, and to expand development at the grassroots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS: Over 200,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries since President John F. Kennedy signed the executive order on March 1, 1961, that formed the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS: Over the past 50 years many women and men from Eugene have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS: Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, education, information technology, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, improving the lives of individuals and communities worldwide; and

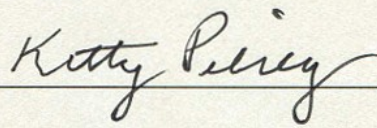
WHEREAS: Eugene's Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby giving a domestic dividend to our citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, and a Peace Corps volunteer, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2011, as

"Peace Corps 50 in Eugene Day"

in recognition of the achievements of the Peace Corps, and to honor its volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.





Kitty Piercy, Mayor
February 24, 2011