

# Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.  
GOVERNOR

## LEARN AND SERVE CHALLENGE WEEK

October 6 – 12, 2008

*WHEREAS, service learning, an effective teaching method that combines service to the community with curriculum-based learning, is a hands-on approach to mastering subject material while fostering civic responsibility; and*

*WHEREAS, research has shown that service learning has an enduring positive impact on students' academic achievement, personal and social development, and civic engagement, particularly among students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and that the historically high level of volunteering as demonstrated by America's youth has been attributed in part to the growth of service learning in our nation's schools; and*

*WHEREAS, service learning is a valuable tool that addresses the long-term goals of quality student academic achievement, workforce readiness, safe and secure learning environments, and a strengthened democracy and civil society; and*

*WHEREAS, Learn and Serve America supports and encourages service learning throughout the United States and enables more than one million students to make meaningful contributions to their communities while building their academic and civic skills; and*

*WHEREAS, young people should be viewed as the hope not only for the future, but also for today, and should be valued for the idealism, energy, creativity, and commitment they bring to the challenges in their communities;*

*Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2008,*

## LEARN AND SERVE CHALLENGE WEEK

*in the State of Colorado.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this second day of October, 2008*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Ritter, Jr." in a cursive style.

Bill Ritter, Jr.  
Governor