

RESOLUTION 21

**A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REESTABLISH THE SERVICE NORTH CAROLINA PROGRAM**

Short Title: Service NC Rechartering Act (Public)

Sponsored by: Delegate MULLINS (corresponding)

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Referred to: Committee on Government Operations & Community Services.

Section 1. The General Assembly of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Service North Carolina was a program created by the Association to promote the community service efforts of students across the University of North Carolina, symbolized by the program's original tagline "One State. One Day of Service."; and,

WHEREAS, the program was substantially expanded in scope during the 33rd Session of the Association, becoming a week-long event that incorporated private universities in addition to the University of North Carolina and producing over 10,000 man-hours of community service with over 5,000 volunteers across the state; and,

WHEREAS, Service NC decayed over time due to neglect by the Association's leadership, disappearing entirely by the 35th Session, and was replaced in many areas by local service efforts tied to respective UNC institutions; and,

WHEREAS, particularly given this State's current economic distress, coupled with the impressive past success of the Service NC tradition, it is both appropriate and timely for the Association to issue a renewed, statewide call for greater community service efforts and work to rebuild its Service NC program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments that the Service North Carolina program shall be rechartered with the following attributes:

- Service North Carolina shall be a program hosted by the Association to encourage community service efforts by the students of the University of North Carolina through a competition among its constituent institutions;

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- The competition shall take place during the entire month of March, beginning at 12:00am on March 1st and ending at 11:59pm on March 31st each year;
- Each respective Student Government shall be responsible for compiling documented man-hours of community service by the students of its institution and submitting the compiled information to the Division of Government Operations & Community Services on at least a weekly basis;
- The Division of Information Technology shall designate a portion of the Association's website to Service NC and publicize the current hours of service for each institution, updating the information each Sunday from the beginning of the competition until the winning institution is determined;
- The institution with the highest number of hours of community service divided by the institution's full-time-equivalent (FTE) student population shall be declared the winner of the Service NC competition and shall be announced at the Association's annual Sanders Award banquet; and,
- The Student Government of the winning institution shall receive a plaque signifying its students' contributions to the community, and the institution shall be inscribed on a commemorative plaque within the Association office; in addition, a common trophy shall be awarded to the winning institution and passed on to each successive winning institution in following years.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its enrollment, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by statute.

Section 3. The Division of Government Operations & Community Services, in coordination with the relevant oversight committee in the General Assembly, shall develop ways to more permanently establish Service NC and ensure its continued success.