

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, More than 182,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 138 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 45 years, 7,566 men and women from the state of Washington 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, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

WHEREAS, It is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Hession, Mayor of the City of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the week of February 27 through March 5, 2006, as

PEACE CORPS WEEK

in the City of Spokane and urge citizens to recognize the importance of this valuable organization.

I, Dennis P. Hession, Mayor
of the City of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
27th day of February in 2006.

Dennis P. Hession

