

# Public Service Recognition Week

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**Honoring Our Public Servants.  
Connecting Citizens with Their Government.**

**May 7-13, 2017**

Celebrated the first week of May since 1985 (beginning on the first Sunday of the month), Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) is organized annually by the [Public Employees Roundtable \(PER\)](#) and its member organizations to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.

Throughout the country, mayors, governors, agency leaders, communities and public service organizations participate in PSRW by issuing proclamations; hosting award ceremonies and special tribute events; and delivering messages about the value of public service. We encourage government leaders and public servants from all backgrounds to participate by showing appreciation to their employees and colleagues and by sharing stories of excellence in public service.

[Events](#) that will take place in Washington, D.C. during PSRW 2017 include our fifth annual [Public Service 5K run/walk](#), a [happy hour social](#), a public service appreciation games with D.C. United and the Washington Nationals and a congressional breakfast to congratulate the [finalists of the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals](#).

Follow [@RPublicService](#) on Twitter and help us spread the word using #PSRW. Join our [Twitter chat series](#), [send an eCard](#) or post a [White Board](#) photo on Facebook or Instagram. Or submit a [letter to the editor](#) of your local newspaper.

For additional suggestions and resources to participate in Public Service Recognition Week in your agency or community, visit our [Celebration Toolkit](#) page. To request email updates about PSRW 2017, contact [psrw@ourpublicservice.org](mailto:psrw@ourpublicservice.org).

## **U.S. Senate Resolution Honoring Public Servants**

On May 3, 2017, the U.S. Senate adopted a bipartisan resolution introduced by Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-North Dakota) honoring federal, state and local government employees, both civilian and military, for their dedication and continued service to the United States.

The resolution ([S. Res. 153](#)) co-sponsors are U.S. Senators James Lankford (R-Oklahoma), Claire McCaskill (D-Missouri), Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin), Tom Carper (D-Delaware), Jon Tester (D-Montana), Gary Peters (D-Michigan), Maggie Hassan (D-New Hampshire), Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut), Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont), Dianne Feinstein (D-California), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Ben Cardin (D-Maryland), Jeanne Shaheen (D-New

Hampshire), Angus King (I-Maine), Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont), Patty Murray (D-Washington), Tim Kaine (D-Maryland), Mark Warner (D-Maryland), Chris Coons (D-Delaware) and Chris Van Hollen (D-Maryland).

### **PSRW 2016 White House Proclamation**

A proclamation designating PSRW 2017 is pending.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, 2016  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

Our Nation's progress has long been fueled by the efforts of selfless citizens who come together in service to their fellow Americans to change our country for the better. At the birth of our Nation, our Founders fought to secure a democracy that represents the people, and the civil servants who pour everything they have into making a difference are the individuals who keep that democracy running smoothly and effectively. During Public Service Recognition Week, we honor those who dedicate themselves to ensuring America's promise rings true in every corner of our country, and we recommit to upholding the values they fight for every day.

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