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City's Employer of National Service status offers promise for service agency vets

News conference set for Wednesday, January 17 at City Hall

The City of Milwaukee is working to improve its chances of attracting alumni of key national service organizations, including AmeriCorps, Peace Corps and other national service agencies.

That new reality comes thanks to **File # 170543**, a resolution sponsored by **Alderman Cavalier "Chevy" Johnson** allowing city officials to apply to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for Milwaukee to be designated an **Employer of National Service**. The file was approved by the Common Council last year and was signed by Mayor Barrett in August 2017. The city was notified by CNCS in October that it had been designated as an Employer of National Service.

Alderman Johnson will host a news conference about the designation at 12 p.m. on January 17 in the first floor rotunda at City Hall. The alderman is expected to be joined at the news conference by **Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton** and other Council members, as well as representatives from **City Year Milwaukee, Serve Wisconsin, Teach For America, My Brother's Keeper**, and others.

Alderman Johnson said the move encourages alumni of AmeriCorps, Peace Corps and other national service agencies to apply for positions with the city. "This is exciting because having the Employer of National Service designation means the city can expand its pool of qualified employment candidates, including AmeriCorps and Peace Corps alumni, to help tackle some challenging issues that require a unique range of skills," he said.

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The city was awarded federal grants to fund five AmeriCorps positions with My Brother's Keeper organizations, including Running Rebels, the Office of Violence Prevention, Legal Action Wisconsin, Employ Milwaukee and the Legacy Redevelopment Corp., Alderman Johnson said.

“It just makes sense for us to have a pipeline, and Employers of National Service connects AmeriCorps and Peace Corps alumni with employers from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, thereby increasing access to a dedicated, highly qualified, and mission-oriented pool of potential employees,” he said.