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that establish and implement programs that encourage and 1 2 reward volunteerism. 3 (3) Initiatives and programs developed pursuant to 4 this act shall have the following purposes and objectives: (a) To place increased priority on citizen 5 б participation and volunteerism as a means of addressing the 7 increasingly complex problems facing Florida's communities. 8 (b) To encourage local community leaders to implement strategies that expand civic participation based on the fact 9 10 that volunteers represent a valuable and much-needed asset 11 within communities. 12 (c) To promote the concept and practice of corporate 13 citizenship, particularly in communities where such 14 initiatives are less developed. 15 (d) To build the enthusiasm, dedication, and combined 16 expertise of individual citizens and public and private systems to find new and creative ways to effectively use 17 volunteerism and community service as a strategy to meet the 18 19 challenges facing Florida's communities both now and in the 20 future. (e) To foster the alignment of community volunteer 21 22 resources with the goals of the state. 23 (f) To implement policy and administrative changes 24 that encourage and enable individuals to participate in 25 volunteer and community service activities. 26 (g) To encourage nonprofit agencies to interweave 27 volunteers into the fabric of their service delivery as a 28 means of increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of their 29 services. 30 31

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1 (h) To support and promote volunteer service to all 2 citizens as an effective means to address community needs and 3 foster a collective commitment to lifelong community service. 4 (i) To recognize National Volunteer Week as a time to 5 encourage all citizens of Florida to participate in local 6 service projects. 7 (j) To recognize the value of individual volunteers and volunteer and service organizations and programs and to 8 9 honor and celebrate the success of volunteers. 10 (4) The Florida Commission on Community Service may assist agencies, institutions, and individuals by securing 11 12 assistance in the form of grants, gifts, or funds from the 13 public or private sector to be used in the implementation of 14 programs pursuant to this act. The Florida Commission on 15 Community Service may also authorize Volunteer Florida, Inc., 16 the commission's nonprofit direct-support organization, to 17 assist in securing training, technical assistance, and other support needed to accomplish the intent and purposes of this 18 19 act. 20 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section 14.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 21 14.29 Florida Commission on Community Service.--22 23 (7) The commission shall: 24 (c) Prepare an annual report detailing its activities 25 during the preceding year and, to the extent possible, compile 26 and synthesize any reports that it accepted on behalf of the 27 Governor. The commission's report shall be presented to the 28 Governor no later than January 15, with copies to the 29 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall also include specific 30 31 recommendations for any necessary legislative, administrative, 3

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