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PARTNERSHIP FOR
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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

WHAT IS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK?

Celebrated the first full week in May since 1985, *Public Service Recognition Week* (PSRW) is a time to honor the people who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. PSRW is hosted by the Public Employees Roundtable (PER), a non-partisan coalition of good government organizations representing civil servants and retirees from all levels and throughout the country. The theme for PSRW 2014 is “Proud to Serve.”

FIVE WAYS YOU CAN RECOGNIZE PUBLIC SERVANTS

At the heart of *Public Service Recognition Week* is recognizing the important contributions that government employees make and the impact their work has on the health and welfare of our country. Here are five ways that you can honor public employees during PSRW:

1. **Deliver a floor speech** expressing your gratitude to public employees and recognizing their contributions to our country. In your speech, you can highlight the work of a specific individual or team of people who exemplify excellence in public service. Consider talking about a *Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals* finalist (servicetoamericamedals.org) from your state or district. For help identifying someone, contact Andrew Lobel at alobel@ourpublicservice.org. To learn about recipients of other awards for outstanding achievement, such as the Presidential Rank Award, you can email publicemployeesroundtable@gmail.com. Read a past floor speech honoring public servants by Sen. [Mark Warner \(D-VA\)](#) or read one by Sen. [Patrick Leahy \(D-VT\)](#). A speech by Rep. [Frank Wolf \(R-VA\)](#) can be read also.

2. **Attend an event** celebrating *Public Service Recognition Week* in your district or in Washington, D.C. Visit our website to learn more about events in D.C., like the Public Service 5K, Public Service Town Hall, and the *Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals* finalist announcement event on Capitol Hill honoring federal employees.
3. **Write a letter to the editor or op-ed** to the newspapers in your state or district recognizing the achievements of public servants and their contributions to the safety, health and welfare of the nation.
4. **Visit a government office** in D.C. or in your district to learn about a specific program and express your thanks for the work that they do. Take time to meet the employees and observe their work.
5. **Reach out** using online social media to talk about PSRW and the importance of public service. Follow us on Twitter at [@PERountable](https://twitter.com/PERountable) and join in the conversation about Public Service Recognition Week by using the hashtag #PSRW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Andrew Lobel at the Partnership for Public Service at (202) 775-9111 or alobel@ourpublicservice.org for more information about how your office can participate in PSRW.

For more online resources, including quick facts about public service, sample talking points, PSRW logos and details of PSRW events, visit psrw.org.



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