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SUBJECT: PER—2012 National Earth Team Volunteer Week Celebration and Packet

Purpose. To announce the subject celebration and distribute the packet

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National Volunteer Week is April 15-21, 2012. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) theme for this year is "Celebrating Earth Team Volunteers in Action." These volunteers allow us to stretch available resources and help us put conservation practices on the ground.

We can and we must do more. Budgets are tight and workloads are changing. Earth Team (ET) volunteers can be our answer. Look for tasks ET volunteers can do and recruit them. We need to expand ET into every office in the state and increase its effectiveness. The attached documents in Word and/or Portable Document Format are designed to provide ideas for promotion of National Volunteer Week:

- National Volunteer Week flyer
- Thank you card
- ET certificate
- Sample thank you letter to volunteers
- News release

You can also contact Jan Klaus (our state volunteer coordinator) or your area volunteer coordinator for assistance. In the meantime, please take a moment to tell our volunteers how much we appreciate them and the help they give us by making use of and distributing the employee and ET keepsakes within each office for volunteer recognition. Then let's all join in and celebrate National Volunteer Week April 15-21, 2012.

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Attachments

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