

QUOTES about Citizenship Participation

Quote #1: Goethe

"Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now."

Quote #2: R. Buckminster Fuller

"The things to do are the things that need doing that you see need to be done and that no one else seems to see need to be done."

Quote #3: Robert F. Kennedy

"Few will have the greatness to bend history, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation ... It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped."

Quote #4: Jonas Salk

"Volunteers are people who get great satisfaction out of giving themselves ... time, energy, effort. They become dedicated and passionate about giving other people the opportunity to contribute. It serves a meaningful purpose in their lives."

Quote #5: Albert Schweitzer

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Quote #6: Hillel

*"If I am not for myself, who am I?
If I am not for others, what am I?
If not now, when?"*

Quote #7: Edmund Burke

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Quote #8: George Bush

"Volunteering is an act. It's an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds."

Quote #9: James A. Joseph — Points of Light Foundation

"At a time when our society is fragmented between 'we' and 'they' groups of all forms, it is important to note that in many cultures and traditions, giving and volunteering have often been the glue of community, affirming and advancing the connectedness of humanity."

Quote #10: Helen Keller

"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; I will not refuse to do the something I can do."

Quote #11: Albert Einstein

"The world is too dangerous to live in — not because of the people who do evil, but because of the people who sit and let it happen."

Participation Survey

Please indicate which of the following actions you currently perform or have done in your role as a United States citizen:

- 1. Gathered and analyzed information about current issues.
- 2. Voted in a local, state or national election.
- 3. Discussed politics with a friend or community member.
- 4. Tried to persuade another citizen to vote a particular way.
- 5. Helped someone register to vote.
- 6. Worked at a polling place.
- 7. Signed and/or circulated a petition.
- 8. Placed a political sign on your car or in your yard.
- 9. Attended a political forum or candidates' night.
- 10. Contributed money to a political candidate or cause.
- 11. Written a letter to an elected official.
- 12. Spoken at a city council, school board or board of supervisors meeting.
- 13. Campaigned for a candidate for elected office.
- 14. Lobbied for laws that support your views.
- 15. Served as a juror.
- 16. Demonstrated through sit-ins, boycotts, marches or vigils.
- 17. Run for or held elected office.
- 18. Contributed money to a political cause.
- 19. Served in the military, Peace Corps, AmeriCorps or other national service program.
- 20. Other:

1. Describe a way in which you fulfilled the Office of Citizen by trying to influence public policy to improve community life.

2. Which factors contributed to the outcome of your efforts? How did your actions improve the common good? What personal satisfaction did you gain from your civic participation? What advice do you have for youths in order for them to become more involved and effective citizens?