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GOVERNOR HEINEMAN APPOINTS NEW SERVENEBRASKA COMMISSIONERS

Lincoln, NE – Governor Dave Heineman has announced four new appointments to ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission. Newly appointed Commissioners will join a 23-member roster of Nebraska representatives from the public and private sectors. Appointment terms are for 3 years and are renewable. ServeNebraska was established in 1994 to mobilize Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs.

The new Commissioners:

Lorinda Brown is a writer residing in Grand Island. She is the reigning Ms. Wheelchair Nebraska 2008 and acts as an advocate and educator on behalf of the disabled community. Ms. Brown travels across the state, promoting disability awareness, sharing her personal experiences as a disabled woman, and discussing current events and issues related to all disabled people. She will compete in the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant from July 20-28 in Washington D.C. Ms. Brown serves on the board of the Center for Independent Living of Grand Island and is a single mother with children aged 7, 11 and 14.

Jessica Hilderbrand of Lincoln is a Program Officer for the Foster Youth Initiative at the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, where she works to improve outcomes for children and youth in foster care, with a special focus on youth in transition. Ms. Hilderbrand facilitates the Foster Youth Councils, directs Camp Catch-Up and is involved with many other partnerships improving outcomes for youth in care. She is a member of the Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Board of Directors.

Tess Larson is a senior in the Honors Program at The University of Nebraska at Omaha in the School of Social Work, College of Public Affairs and Community Service. Outside of her studies, Ms. Larson works with 9- and 10-year olds at Girls Incorporated of Omaha as a program facilitator, and as a box office attendant and house manager at The Rose Theater for Children and Families. She is looking forward to beginning her social work practicum this fall at Project Harmony in Omaha, which protects children who have been victims of abuse.

Jeff Slobotski serves as Manager of Corporate Sales for Truist, a technology company that provides an integrated, strategic approach to philanthropy management - from donor to recipient. Mr. Slobotski works with corporations, universities and local Volunteer Centers to build their programs through Truist's software, which is used by over 1,000 customers across more than 50 countries representing 1 million volunteers and \$2.5 billion in charitable contributions. Mr. Slobotski also manages the websites: Silicon Prairie News, which highlights young entrepreneurs and professionals in the Greater Omaha area; and Packs of Promise, a non-profit organization he founded that addresses the issue of homelessness in Omaha during the winter months.

Outgoing Commissioners include Jessi Doke, a Credit Manager for Wells Fargo Bank in Norfolk residing in Wausa; Richard Koza, Ph.D, an instructor at Chadron State College; and Diann Mulhbach, a Coordinator at Grand Island's Coalition for Children, residing in Shelton. Each of these Commissioners served two three-year terms representing their communities. ServeNebraska would like to thank these three outgoing commissioners for their faithful years of service to the state and Nebraska volunteerism.

Interested parties can visit ServeNebraska online at www.serve.nebraska.gov, or contact the Commission directly at (402) 471-6228 or 800-291-8911.

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