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## **ServeNebraska Commissioner appointed by Governor**

(Lincoln, Neb.) ServeNebraska is proud to announce Governor Dave Heineman's new volunteer commissioner appointment, Diane Mallette. Diane will join a 16-member roster of Nebraska representatives from the public and private sectors. Appointment terms are for 3 years and are renewable. ServeNebraska develops and manages programs and initiatives to mobilize Nebraskans to get involved with community service and volunteering, including the state's AmeriCorps programs. If interested in learning about serving as a commissioner, visit ServeNebraska online at [www.serve.nebraska.gov](http://www.serve.nebraska.gov) or contact Executive Director, Cathy Plager at (402) 471-6226 or [cathleen.plager@nebraska.gov](mailto:cathleen.plager@nebraska.gov).

Since early childhood, Diane was raised to volunteer her time and give back to charitable causes. This started with her involvement in 4-H and other community activities during high school and college and her volunteer efforts continue today. As the chief operations officer for Auto Club Trust, FSB (AAA Banking Division), Diane brings strong leadership from her banking background and experience in the nonprofit sector with the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce. Prior to being appointed to the commission, Diane served on the ServeNebraska fundraising committee beginning in 2012. She looks forward to serving as a commissioner to help ServeNebraska become an even more impactful organization.

Diane is passionate about educating youth to volunteer at a young age and the value of giving back to their community and has passed on the tradition of volunteering to her own children. She says, "Volunteering has so many personal benefits. I've met many of my closest friends through volunteer efforts. It has given me valuable experience with public speaking and in developing my team building skills."

Diane is a life-long Nebraskan and native of Clay Center. She is an active community volunteer and board member, currently serving as the 4-H foods division volunteer superintendent for the Dodge County Fair, co-chair and treasurer of the Logan View band parents association, and Salvation Army advisory board member and past board president. She and her husband are owners of the family farming operation located north of Hooper and they have two daughters.

Outgoing commissioners include: Gerry Osborn, retired postmaster from Ainsworth, Nebraska and served as an at-large member for the commission; Lois Wine, retired director of volunteer services for the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home in Omaha, represented the commission to promote older adult involvement in community service and volunteerism. ServeNebraska would like to thank these outgoing commissioners for their faithful years of service to the state and Nebraska volunteerism.

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