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Governor Makes Appointments to the ServeNebraska Volunteer Service Commission

Lincoln, Nebraska – Governor Ricketts announced two new appointments and four reappointments to serve on the ServeNebraska – Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission. Nebraska Volunteer Service Commissioners provide leadership in mobilizing Nebraskans to volunteer in their communities as well as conducting oversight of Nebraska AmeriCorps programming.

The list of new commissioners is as follows:

Starla M. Eleson of Dalton comes to the commission with a service background dating back to her childhood. Starting with involvement in 4-H and continuing with membership on the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board and support of Kids Plus, Inc. Eleson’s strong focus on collaboration promises to grow the impact of ServeNebraska and the culture of service in our state.

“The small things at the community level are as important as the larger things at the state or national level,” Eleson said. “It takes all of us, finding ways to contribute in the best way we can.”

Karen J. Bredthauer of Grand Island serves as the Hall County Supervisor and has a strong background in volunteer leadership positions such as the county chair for the United Way and vice chair for the Regional Planning Commission. Karen is a lifelong citizen of rural Nebraska and has experience in the agricultural industry to improve statewide representation on the commission and provide unique perspective on the needs of Nebraska’s rural communities.

“It seems like we’re always having an older population volunteer,” Bredthauer said. “I think if we can stimulate and help to recruit more volunteers for different events, I think it will be a successful venture.”

Reappointments to the Commission include Drew A. Graham (Nebraska City), Colette “Kelly” Fleming (Omaha), Dawn M. Hovey (Omaha) and Jennifer L. Worthington (Grand Island).

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About ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska is governed by a 24-member, bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission mobilizes Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through collaboration, volunteering and national service. ServeNebraska oversees AmeriCorps programming, hosts the state’s most prestigious volunteer awards – the Governor’s Step Forward Awards, and provides training and technical assistance. To learn more, visit www.serve.nebraska.gov.