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### **Governor Makes Appointments to The ServeNebraska Volunteer Service Commission**

**Lincoln, Neb.** – The Governor announced this summer that he appointed two new and seven returning volunteer commissioners to serve three-year terms on the ServeNebraska – Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission. These appointments bring the total number of ServeNebraska Commissioners to 15. One of the new appointments fills a position federally mandated to represent key community sectors such as youth and local governments.

Melissa Mayo of Omaha was appointed to fill the mandated position reserved for a Nebraskan with expertise in educational, training and development needs of youth. She serves as the Executive Director of Mentor Nebraska, an organization focused on increasing the quality and availability of mentoring services across the state.

Michele Meisenbach from Wayne joins the commission as an at-large member. She brings 25 years of managerial and entrepreneurial experience to the Commission. She serves as President of Wayne Community Chest and sits on the Wayne Parks and Recreation Board and Wayne Planning Commission.

“We’re excited to welcome these new Commissioners to our team,” said Cathleen Plager, executive director for the ServeNebraska Commission. “Their expertise in their respective fields will allow them to provide valuable insight to the organization as we work together to make a positive impact in Nebraska communities.”

Karen Bredthauer (Grand Island), C.J. King (Omaha), Kelly Fleming (Omaha), Michael Anderson (Omaha), Lisa Hiatt (Lincoln), Anastazia Bauer Scheer (Omaha) and Drew Graham (Aurora) have been reappointed to their positions on the Commission and look forward to continuing to further the ServeNebraska mission.

The ServeNebraska Commission is entrusted with facilitating AmeriCorps program funding in the state of Nebraska and with encouraging Nebraskans to give back to the community through service. AmeriCorps grant recipients operate programs which serve the community in one or more of 6 AmeriCorps focus areas; education, economic opportunity, healthy futures, veterans and military families, environmental stewardship, and disaster services.

To learn more about ServeNebraska or AmeriCorps programming across the state, visit [serve.nebraska.gov](http://serve.nebraska.gov).

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**ServeNebraska** is the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and is governed by a bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission is to mobilize 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 [serve.nebraska.gov](http://serve.nebraska.gov).