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Nebraska deputy for elections receives national award

LINCOLN – L. Neal Erickson, Deputy Secretary of State for elections, has been recognized with a national honor for outstanding service to Nebraska in the area of election management and for furthering the mission of the National Association of Secretaries of State.

Secretary of State John Gale presented Erickson with the NASS Medallion Award at the Nebraska Association of County Officials Workshop held October 23 & 24 in Kearney, Nebraska.

During the ceremony, Gale cited Erickson's longtime service to elections, civic education and service to the secretary of state with the highest degree of dedication, ability and integrity. Erickson began his work with the statewide election system in 1993 serving as legal counsel to the Nebraska legislature's Government and Military Affairs Committee. In 1995 he was appointed by then Secretary of State Scott Moore to Deputy Secretary of State for elections, the position he currently holds.

"Neal has never missed election training in 20 years, he's always been the last person to leave the office on election night and he's been an active participant in developing important election legislation here in Nebraska," said Gale. "Neal is well respected by our county clerks and has a nearly encyclopedic knowledge of election law that makes him a valuable resource for county attorneys and county election officials, as well as state officials."

The NASS medallion award is given by secretaries of state to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding service and dedication through their various roles in: elections, civic education, service to state government -- specifically the office of the Secretary of State, or through philanthropic contributions to the community in which they live.

"We've been privileged to recognize several Nebraska county election officials with the NASS Medallion Award in years past. It's especially meaningful to do that this year for my own deputy of elections," said Gale.

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