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Nebraska has a New Secretary of State

Lincoln- For the first time in 18 years, Nebraska has a new Secretary of State. On January 10th Bob Evnen was officially sworn in as Nebraska's 27th Secretary of State.

Evnen, a Republican, was elected in the November general election. Incumbent Secretary of State John Gale chose not to stand for reelection. Evnen is a Lincoln attorney who has had a long history of public service. Previously he served for eight years on the Nebraska State Board of Education.

"Since the election, I have been working closely with retiring Secretary Gale to make sure Nebraska doesn't miss a beat in this transition," Evnen said. "My commitment to Nebraskans is to protect the integrity of our elections and to advance the interests of our great state."

The Secretary of State has many and varied duties. The Secretary is the chief election officer of the state, the state's protocol officer, provider of many business services, and keeper of the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska. The Secretary chairs the Nebraska Real Estate Commission and the State Records Board, and is a member of numerous other boards and commissions.

"One of the most important function of the office is serving as Nebraska's chief elections officer," Evnen said.

"I plan to take a year to thoroughly study voter ID laws in other states then bringing forward a proposal for Nebraska. I will focus on assuring safe and secure elections," Evnen continued.

Evnen also plans to work closely with Governor Ricketts to increase international trade for Nebraska's agriculture, industries and businesses.

Secretary Evnen took the oath of office in the presence of family and friends.

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