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State Employee Recognition Day to be celebrated on May 6, 2009

Lexington, KY – The National Association of State Personnel Executives (NASPE) will sponsor State Employee Recognition Day on Wednesday, May 6 to recognize the outstanding work of state government employees across the country.

State employees play an important role in the lives of state residents from preserving public safety, ensuring clean water and air, caring for crime victims, building and maintaining highways, schools and infrastructure to licensing cars and providing for advancements in medicine and technology.

This is the eighth year NASPE has sponsored the recognition day, which is celebrated in conjunction with Public Service Recognition Week, May 4-8, sponsored by the Public Employees Roundtable.

“The talents, contributions and dedication of state government employees make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for citizens across this country. On May 6, 2009, I invite everyone to take time to thank them for their devotion to serving others.” Dana Jefferson, NASPE President and Director, Delaware Human Resource Management.

The 2008 NASPE State Employee Recognition Day was a huge success as Governors across the nation rose to the occasion signing proclamations to recognize the day. In addition to issuing proclamations, NASPE challenges Governors to take time during the week of May 4 to recognize state employees for their dedication and loyalty. Work alongside those in areas such as law enforcement, conservation, health care, education or transportation. Give the credit needed to those who actively show their dedication on a daily basis whether through a handwritten note or a handshake. This is a gratifying approach to show appreciation to state employees for their dedication to public service.

State Employee Recognition Day was initiated in 2001 by then NASPE President Donna Traywick and then South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges to express appreciation to employees for their dedication and commitment in making their respective states better.

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