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DCCED Celebrates National Volunteer Week by Thanking Volunteer Boards

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 (Anchorage, AK) – This week, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) is celebrating National Volunteer Week by recognizing the service of volunteer boards across the state. Volunteering to serve on a board is a great opportunity to further the mission of local nonprofits or government agencies that make a positive impact in the communities they serve.

Volunteer board members sit on nearly 30 boards housed within DCCED. They volunteer their private sector expertise on matters that range from the regulation of physicians to the preservation of Alaska Native Languages to guiding economic activity within Alaska. These Alaskans give their time and energies to ensure that regulatory frameworks and investment decisions are made in the best interest of Alaskans, saving the State considerably.

"I want to personally thank each board member for their incredible service and dedication to Alaska," said **DCCED Commissioner Julie Sande**. "It has been a privilege for me to be able to serve alongside so many of you in my role as Commissioner. I regularly find myself humbled and inspired by your commitment to Alaska. Many of you spend countless hours away from your loved ones and your own businesses or work endeavors in order to serve our great state. It has been an honor to witness the work so many of you are doing on behalf of Alaskans."

DCCED also houses Serve Alaska, whose vision for Alaska is a vibrant and caring community, strengthened through service and volunteerism, to problem solve and improve the lives of all Alaskans using "Service as a Solution." Serve Alaska supports and promotes the ethic of volunteerism across the state by partnering with non-profits, faith-based organizations, and local governments on volunteer recognition, training for volunteer administrators, and by uplifting best practices and successes.

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