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SECRETARY KOBACH APPOINTS RONNIE METSKER TO JOHNSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER POST

Topeka, KS (January 29, 2016) – Secretary Kobach announced today his appointment of Ronnie Metsker as the new Johnson County Election Commissioner. Mr. Metsker currently works within the civic and business leadership community as the founder and president of the Parakaleo Group, a faith-based organization advocating for civility in the public square. Mr. Metsker previously served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 2006 to 2009, where he served on the Election and Government Organization, Transportation, Commerce, and Health and Human Services Committees.

He continues his public service today as a member of both the Overland Park and North East Johnson County Chambers of Commerce, the Shawnee Mission Rotary Board of Directors, and the Shawnee Mission School District Committee for Excellence. Prior to his election to the Kansas House of Representatives he spent 40 years as the President and CEO of Kansas City Youth for Christ in Westwood, Kansas. He resides with his wife Susan in Overland Park, Kansas and is a graduate of Liberty University.

Secretary Kobach expressed confidence in Mr. Metsker's appointment stating: "Ronnie is an experienced, dependable, and well-respected leader in Johnson County. He has great enthusiasm to lead the award-winning staff at the Johnson County Election Office. His experience, integrity, and steadfast commitment to the Johnson County community make him the best person for the job as we approach the August and November 2016 elections."

In reaction to his appointment, Mr. Metsker conveyed his enthusiasm stating: "I'm deeply honored to be appointed by Secretary Kobach and am excited to join the best election team in the nation as we serve Johnson County voters with integrity."

Please contact Craig McCullah for interview requests with Mr. Metsker.

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