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LOCAL CITIZEN RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARD

[CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA] – Teri Cople, TrueNorth Employee Benefits Specialist and Ely resident received a Governor's Volunteer Award from Governor Kim Reynolds and Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg during a special recognition ceremony held July 30 in Marion, Iowa.

Cople was selected for the award for her hard work and dedication to the Greater Cedar Rapids community.

Coordinated by Volunteer Iowa, the Governor's Volunteer Award program—now in its 35th year—recognizes the dedicated people who volunteer their time and talent to help fulfill the missions of Iowa nonprofits, charitable organizations and government entities. The program provides an easy way for these organizations to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, state-level award.

“Teri is a volunteer whose enthusiastic personality and get-the-job-done attitude has helped raise total funds over the past few years for United Way's Women's Leadership Group. She has sat on our committee for two terms – a total of seven years,” said Carole Dzingle of United Way of East Central Iowa. “She also extends her personal time and sits on the Waypoint board. She is a great force to have on the team.”

More than 500 awards are being presented this year during ceremonies held at several locations around the state. It is estimated that more than 20,000 hours of service, with an economic impact of nearly \$500,000, were served by this year's honorees during the past 12 months.

A complete list of award recipients and an electronic copy of this news release are available at volunteeriowa.org.

About Volunteer Iowa (Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service)

Volunteer Iowa and its partner agencies work with organizations and individuals on three main fronts. The first is to help agencies develop quality programs that use service as a strategy to fulfill their missions and address Iowa's greatest areas of need. The second is to help engage Iowans in their communities by promoting service and expanding the volunteer base. Finally, the third area of work is to connect individuals with appropriate service opportunities by building the volunteer infrastructure. More information is available at volunteeriowa.org.