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**Governor Beshear announces Nikki Jackson will leave post as
secretary of Kentucky Personnel Cabinet**

Resignation effective Jan. 7, 2011, Tim Longmeyer appointed Secretary

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 15, 2010)—Gov. Steve Beshear today announced that Nikki Jackson, secretary of the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet, has submitted her resignation to accept the position of vice chancellor for human resources with Maricopa Community Colleges in Tempe, Ariz. Jackson’s last day with the Cabinet is Jan. 7, 2011.

Gov. Beshear has named Tim Longmeyer as the new Personnel Cabinet Secretary. He has served as deputy secretary of the Cabinet since January 2008.

“As secretary of Personnel, Nikki has been instrumental in spearheading the strategic transformation of human resources management within state government,” said Gov. Beshear. “Under her leadership, the cabinet has increased efficiencies, improved work practices and promoted innovation. I appreciate her exceptional work over the last three years and wish her all the best in her new position.”

Jackson is a graduate of Hampton University in Hampton, Va. and the University of Miami School of Law. She was recently recognized by artist Pat Gallagher as one of the 10 most inspirational Women in Louisville. His portrait of her, *The Matador*, was unveiled at the Muhammad Ali Center’s Celebrating the Power of Women event in April 2009. Jackson was

selected as one of *Business First's* Forty Under 40 in 2009 and was selected by the Business and Professional Women of River City as a 2009 Woman of Excellence.

Jackson begins her new position with the Maricopa County Community College District, the largest community college district in the United States, on Feb. 1, 2011. As vice chancellor for human resources, she will oversee all human resources functions for the system, including professional development, wellness, compensation, benefits, employee relations, recruiting, diversity initiatives and retention programs.

“I have been with Governor Beshear since his first day on the job and it has been a great honor and privilege to serve as one of his Cabinet secretaries,” Jackson said. “My time in Kentucky state government has been very rewarding and I am truly grateful to the Governor for his confidence in me over these last three years and to my staff for their support and hard work.”

Longmeyer will assume his new appointment as secretary of the Personnel Cabinet on Jan. 8, 2011. In addition to serving as deputy secretary of the Personnel Cabinet for the last three years, Longmeyer previously worked for the Jefferson County Attorney's Office as a legislative liaison, division chief for the family court prosecutors and an assistant Jefferson County Attorney. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville's School of Law and is a lifelong resident of Louisville, Ky. Tim and his wife Lyn have four children and are members of St. Agnes parish.

“Tim has been a valuable member of the Personnel Cabinet's leadership over the last three years and I am certain that he will continue that good service as secretary of the Cabinet,” said. Gov. Beshear.

“I am truly humbled by the Governor's appointment and I look forward to continuing the progress that the Cabinet has enjoyed under Secretary Jackson's leadership,” Longmeyer said.

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