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**Governor Beshear Recognizes  
Kentucky Public Service Recognition Week**

*Announces Governor's Ambassador Awards Program for State Employees*

FRANKFORT, Ky. —Gov. Steve Beshear today signed a proclamation declaring Oct. 6-12, 2008 Public Service Recognition Week in Kentucky.

To help celebrate this week, managers and supervisors across the state are encouraged to find innovative ways to celebrate and recognize their employees for the broad variety of services provided by government and for a “job well done.”

To honor Kentucky Public Service Recognition Week, the Personnel Cabinet hosted the first-ever poster contest for students. The students were asked to submit poster entries that captured the theme of the week: “State Employees—Making a Difference Every Day in Every Way.”

At today's ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda, Gov. Beshear and Personnel Cabinet Sec. Nikki Jackson presented certificates to the following selected poster contest winners:

- Ages 6-9: Elizabeth Gillim, West Louisville Elementary, Owensboro.
- Ages: 10-13: Houston Gillenwater, Monroe Co. Middle School, Tompkinsville.
- Ages 14-17: Raisa Tikhtman, Lafayette High School, Lexington.

During the signing ceremony Gov. Beshear also announced a new state employee awards program called the Governor's Ambassador Award.

“The Governor's Ambassador Award is an enterprise-wide storytelling initiative designed to encourage, support, acknowledge and reward employees who embody the principles of Kentucky's Unbridled Spirit,” said Gov. Beshear. “The benefits gained from

a motivated and appreciated workforce are well worth our time and effort.”

The award nomination process is now open, and state workers, as well as private citizens, may nominate a deserving state employee in the categories of: courage; leadership; community service and volunteerism; professional achievement; customer service; and teamwork. First Lady Jane Beshear and Sec. Jackson will co-chair the selection committee, which consists of representatives from each cabinet. At the end of each year the governor will announce a winner in each category.

The first Ambassador Awards ceremony will be held during Public Service Recognition Week in October 2009 at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. Each award recipient will receive special recognition with a personalized, engraved brick on Ambassador Avenue at the Kentucky History Center in historic downtown Frankfort.

For additional information regarding Kentucky Public Service Recognition Week and the Governor’s Ambassador Award Program visit the Personnel Cabinet’s Web site, <http://personnel.ky.gov>

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