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**DR. TRUDIE KIBBE REED, OF DAYTONA, APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S
COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Governor Jeb Bush appoints Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, President of
Bethune-Cookman College, to Volunteer Florida.*

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Jeb Bush recently appointed Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, of Daytona, to the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida). Reed will serve a three-year term.

Dr. Reed is Bethune-Cookman College's fifth president, and the first woman to serve in this capacity since the College's founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Dr. Reed assumed the presidency of Bethune-Cookman College Aug. 16, 2004 after a very successful career in higher education within The United Methodist Church. Dr. Reed brings experience and expertise as an educator, administrator, visionary, public speaker and student-centered leader.

In addition to her distinguished career in higher education, during her tenure with the United Methodist Church, she led and coordinated the denomination's first national prison ministry, deaf ministry, and ministries by, with and for older adults' initiatives. Dr. Reed also is a former member of the White House Advisory Board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities,

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and currently serves on the Civic League in Volusia County, on the Volusia County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and is a member of the Board at the United Way.

In the past, Dr. Reed was recognized for outstanding leadership by the South Carolina Governor, was voted “Business Woman of the Year,” and received the Diamond Twin Award from the YWCA for outstanding leadership and community service.

“It is a privilege to have a professional of Dr. Reed’s caliber join our list of distinguished commissioners!” said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. “The amazing depth of her experience will be a benefit both to the Commission, and to the advancement of the volunteer movement in Florida.”

Volunteer Florida Commissioners drive Volunteer Florida’s mission, and are actively involved in volunteer and service activities. They are a diverse, bipartisan group of citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, who serve a three-year term.

The Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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