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**ROSALIND Y. TOMPKINS, OF TALLAHASSEE, APPOINTED TO
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Governor Jeb Bush appoints Rosalind Y. Tompkins, Founder of "Mothers in Crisis" in Tallahassee, Fla., to Volunteer Florida.

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Jeb Bush recently appointed Rosalind Y. Tompkins, of Tallahassee, to the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida). Tompkins, who represents Leon County, will serve a three-year term.

Tompkins earned Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Florida State University in 1987, and has worked in the field of prevention, intervention and treatment for more than 19 years. She is founder of many community initiatives including the United Services Advocates (USA) and the Single Parent network (SPN).

Ms. Tompkins is author of the book, "As Long as There is Breath in Your Body, There is Hope®," the title of which is Ms. Tompkins' registered trademark with the U.S. Patent Office. In 1991, Ms. Tompkins founded Mothers in Crisis, a non-profit community-based organization comprised of women in recovery from drugs and alcohol. In 1998, she founded Turning Point International Church, where she currently serves as the senior pastor. Ms. Tompkins was born and raised in Pensacola, Fla.

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Tompkins has been the recipient of numerous awards for community service activities, including the Woman of courage Award from Tallahassee Community College, the Martin Luther King Jr., Humanitarian Award, the Florida A & M University African American Heritage President's Award, and the NAACP Black Achievers Award, to name only a few.

“We are thrilled to have Ms. Tompkins on our Commission,” said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. “Her demonstrated commitment to helping others in need, and her tireless efforts on behalf of the Leon County community, make her an excellent choice to serve on our Commission.”

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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