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**AILEEN PRUITT, OF PORT ST. LUCIE, APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S
COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Governor Charlie Crist appoints Aileen Pruitt, Executive Director of National City's Community Development Association (CDA) for Central and Northeast Florida and First Lady of the Florida Senate, to Volunteer Florida.

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Charlie Crist recently appointed Aileen M. Pruitt, of Port St. Lucie, to the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida).

Pruitt is the Executive Director of National City's Community Development Association (CDA) for Central and Northeast Florida, which promotes the revitalization of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods throughout local communities by making loans and equity investments in residential and small business commercial real estate.

Pruitt is actively involved in volunteer service, serving as the vice president for the St. Lucie County Education Foundation, as a board member of the Florida Community Development Association and as a volunteer for various cancer organizations throughout the area. Pruitt is happily married to Florida Senate President Ken Pruitt, and together they are proud parents to five children and one granddaughter. Pruitt is a two-time cancer survivor.

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Pruitt also is a graduate of the University of Florida, as well as the American Banker’s Association School of Bank Management and Marketing. She holds a property and casualty insurance and an annuities license.

“I am thrilled that she has been appointed as a Commissioner so she can bring her passion for volunteerism to our organization,” said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. “Aileen has been a great ambassador for promoting volunteerism in the state of Florida, and she is deeply committed to encouraging Floridians to reach out and help others I need.”

In addition to her appointment, Pruitt was elected to serve as the Commission Treasurer at the quarterly Volunteer Florida Commission meeting, held July 15 in Palm Beach County. Pruitt also has been appointed to represent the Commission nonprofit Volunteer Florida Foundation board of directors.

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.

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; supports the Governor’s priorities through the creation of innovative volunteer programs, and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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