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BYSIEWICZ: AGENCY MANAGERS, APPOINTED OFFICIALS TO TAKE VOLUNTARY UNPAID LEAVE

100% OF MANAGERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS IN SECRETARY OF THE
STATE'S OFFICE TO SACRIFICE ONE DAY'S PAY BY MARCH 1ST

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today announced that she and 100% of managers and appointed officials in the Constitutional Office will be taking a voluntary unpaid leave of one day by March 1, 2009. Responding to a growing financial crisis in Connecticut and new projections of a state budget deficit of more than a \$900 million in the current fiscal year, Secretary Bysiewicz gave managers and executives the option of taking the unpaid leave.

“During these dire times for our state’s economy, every public agency must do its part to reduce the bottom line for our state’s budget,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “The choice to take a day without pay was entirely voluntary, and I applaud the selflessness of the managers and appointed staff in our relatively small office for doing their own part to help the state balance its books. Everyone outside of collective bargaining agreements who was eligible to make this sacrifice did so without even being asked, and that says a lot about our agency. I also want the taxpayers of Connecticut to know how seriously we take our budgetary situation, and we are already hard at work finding other significant ways to cut costs at the Secretary of the State’s Office.”

A total of 15 eligible managers and non-union executives in the Secretary of the State’s Office elected to take part in the Voluntary Schedule Reduction Program.