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**Commissioner Kroshus Receives Helping Hand Award at  
Rural Electric Cooperatives Annual Meeting**

BISMARCK, ND – Public Service Commissioner Brian Kroshus was presented with the Helping Hand Award at the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) annual meeting held last week. The award recognizes faithful friends and strong supporters of North Dakota’s electric cooperatives.

During remarks given by Josh Kramer, NDAREC General Manager and Vice President, Kroshus was recognized for his communication with cooperative members and participation in many electric cooperative annual meetings. “Commissioner Kroshus’ personal commitment and dedication to electric cooperatives, his understanding of rural America and his approach to balanced energy strategy makes him most deserving of this award,” said Kramer. “We appreciate his attentiveness and thoughtfulness when he approaches issues important to North Dakota’s electric cooperatives.”

Commissioner Kroshus has a background in business, agriculture and energy. He grew up on a farm and continues to be actively involved with his farming and ranching operation in western North Dakota, which relies on an electric cooperative to provide reliable, affordable service.

“I’m extremely honored to be chosen for this award,” said Commissioner Kroshus. “North Dakota rural electric cooperatives exemplify one of North Dakota’s best qualities, people working together collectively to achieve a common goal. Their commitment to serving our state’s energy needs and tireless community involvement, is unparalleled.”

Commissioner Kroshus is the current chairman of the Commission and his portfolio includes business operations; electric and gas economic regulation; pipeline safety and damage prevention; and weights and measures.

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