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Lt. Governor Kinder Names McElyea Director of Communications

JEFFERSON CITY — Lt. Governor Peter Kinder announced today that he has named Gary McElyea to the position of Director of Communications.

“Gary’s background in communications, broadcasting and media will be a vital asset to our continued efforts in bringing quality change to this great state,” Kinder said. “Gary will execute my dedication in keeping Missourians informed of how their state government is working for them.”

McElyea will serve as a liaison with media outlets across Missouri and will serve as a spokesperson for the Lt. Governor’s office.

McElyea most recently served as a communications associate at TAMKO Building Products, Inc. in Joplin, Mo. Previously, McElyea served as the communications director and spokesperson for Sen. John Loudon’s 2006 auditor’s race, as well as serving as the director of absentee balloting for the Missouri Republican Party’s 2006 victory operation. McElyea has also worked as a broadcaster for Ozark Radio Network in West Plains, Mo, KTTS and KADI in Springfield, Mo. and WPTR in Albany, N.Y.

McElyea attended Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar. His hometown is Willow Springs, Mo.

“I truly look forward to the privilege of serving Lt. Governor Kinder,” said McElyea. “The Lt. Governor’s dedication and commitment to seniors, veterans and citizens across Missouri is unsurpassed.”

McElyea begins his official duties today.