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GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow State Employees,

On June 22, I announced that the Governor's Office and our departments and agencies will participate in United We Serve, a national effort launched by President Obama to engage more Americans in serving their communities this summer. My husband Bob kicked off the campaign by reading to children and discussing volunteerism with them at Heritage Park Community Center.

As a former teacher who strongly supports education and literacy, I will be focusing my service and volunteer efforts on mentoring. I also have asked the members of my cabinet to volunteer in the area of their choice and encourage you to serve in any and all areas that are a good match for you.

As a state employee, you receive 24 hours of paid community service leave. I urge you to take advantage of this benefit by joining our fellow Americans in this national service effort. You can find local volunteer opportunities by visiting [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov).

Many of you already serve your communities – whether it is in your child's school, your church or a favorite organization – and I urge you to continue your efforts. Let's show the nation that the Tar Heel State is a place where service is a way of life for all citizens. Thank you for joining me in United We Serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bev Perdue".

Bev Perdue