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Gale appointed to international democracy organization

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale has been appointed to an international organization dedicated to promoting democracy through the use of technology.

Gale's appointment is to the International Centre of Excellence for Local eDemocracy (ICELE), which is based in England. He will serve on the organization's international board as a representative of the National Association of Secretaries of State.

ICELE helps local authorities improve two-way engagement with citizens through technology by providing best practice advice, support and practical solutions.

"This is a great opportunity to help citizens throughout the world become well informed and have a real voice in local decision making," Gale said of his appointment. "At a time when civic engagement is declining, we need to use new technologies to make it easy for people to participate in the democratic process."

Gale's expenses for travel and meetings will be paid by ICELE.

Gale serves as chief election officer of Nebraska and is involved in election matters nationally. He serves on the 110-member Standards Board, which advises the U.S. Election Assistance Commission on new election equipment guidelines and standards.

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