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**Topeka, Kansas** – Kids Voting USA is pleased to welcome Ron Thornburgh to its national board of directors. “Ron is not new to our organization. He was instrumental in bringing Kids Voting to Kansas in 1992 and has supported the program ever since,” said Diana Carlin, KVUSA board chair. “We are excited to have his perspective and expertise on the board.”

Ron Thornburgh is the Senior Vice President of Business Development for NIC Inc. (NASDAQ: EGOV), an Olathe, Kansas-based provider of digital government services for 23 states and more than 3,000 federal, state, and local agencies nationwide. Mr. Thornburgh joined the company in February 2010 after serving as the Kansas Secretary of State for 15 years. He was elected in to his term in 1994 and was subsequently re-elected in 1998, 2002, and 2006. He also is a former president of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). Mr. Thornburgh has served on a variety of boards and has won several awards including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Digital Government “Agent of Change” Award (2002), Mike Harder Public Administrator of the Year Award (2006), and the Lee Ann Elliott Election Excellence Award (2004) from Kids Voting USA.

Thornburgh expressed enthusiasm about his new position. “I am proud to join the Kids Voting USA board. By teaching our children and working with parents we have the opportunity to create generational improvement in voter participation. Kids Voting is making a difference and I am excited to continue our work with America’s youth and our democracy. ” He will join the board and meet affiliate executive directors from across the country at the organization’s annual conference on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Kansas City.

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*Kids Voting USA is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to secure the future of democracy by preparing young people to be educated, engaged citizens. Approximately four million K-12 students participate in Kids Voting USA through its 42 affiliates in 22 states plus the District of Columbia. For more information, visit [www.kidsvotingusa.org](http://www.kidsvotingusa.org).*

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