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Secretary of Labor Delia García was Sworn In and Civil Rights Icon Dolores Huerta Attended

Today Kansas Labor Secretary Delia García was sworn in by Kansas Court of Appeals Chief Justice Karen Arnold-Burger. Governor Laura Kelly shared remarks on Secretary García's leadership and recognized García's mentor, American civil rights icon and labor leader, Dolores Huerta.

"I know I appointed the right leader to serve as labor secretary when a national labor leader and civil rights icon like Dolores Huerta comes to Kansas for her swearing in ceremony," Kelly said. "Secretary García's experience as a Kansas small business leader, state legislator and national CEO of a women's coalition has prepared her to effectively run the agency of the Kansas Department of Labor."

Secretary García returned to Kansas after eight years in Washington, D.C., serving in senior leadership positions at the national organizations ReflectUS, National Migrant Seasonal Head Start Association and the National Education Association. Prior to that, she served six years in the Kansas House of Representatives, serving all six years on the House Commerce and Labor Committee, while continuing to help manage her family's small business.

"I'm honored that Governor Kelly appointed me to serve hard-working Kansans again," García said. "All hard-working Kansans have families. I take this job personally, especially since it includes serving Kansans like my own family, here with me today."

While living and working in D. C., Secretary García had the honor to work with Huerta on many women's rights, social justice rights and candidate campaigns nationwide. Huerta is a national labor leader and civil rights activist who, along with César Chávez, co-founded the United Farm Workers (UFW). She has received numerous awards for her community service and advocacy for workers', immigrants' and women's rights, including the United States Presidential Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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