



## SECRETARY E. DOUGLAS BEACH, PH.D.

On February 13, 2007, Governor Charlie Crist appointed Dr. E. Douglas Beach as the Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Secretary Beach has worked in the aging network for more than 12 years, most recently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the Senior Resource Alliance (Area Agency on Aging of Central Florida, Inc.), a planning, policy and resource agency serving Florida's seniors age 60 and older in Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

Secretary Beach was named CEO of the Senior Resource Alliance in September of 1999 and, under his leadership, the organization's annual budget rose from \$16 to \$25 million. The Senior Resource Alliance became the first Aging and Disability Resource Center in Florida and has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Information and Referral systems in the nation.

Previously, Secretary Beach served as the Staff Economist for Congressman David L. Hobson (R-OH). He was responsible for developing, coordinating and implementing the Congressman's activities on the House of Representatives' Budget Committee. Secretary Beach worked with the Congressman to write and introduce major legislation promoting insurance coverage for long-term care. Prior to his work in Washington, D.C., Secretary Beach served as the Deputy Director of Programs at the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA). He was responsible for managing a program budget of more than \$250 million, serving 1.9 million seniors in Ohio.

Secretary Beach is a founding member of the Orange County Commission on Aging and the Brevard County Commission on Aging. He has also served on several other boards and commissions, including the Florida Council on Aging, Florida Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Heart of Florida United Way, Mayor of Orlando's Senior Citizen Advisory Council, Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Southern Gerontological Society.

Secretary Beach received a bachelor's degree in biology from Kenyon College, a master's degree in agricultural economics from The Ohio State University and a doctorate in economics from North Carolina State University.