

Janet Stewart is announcing the launch of her campaign to be Nebraska Secretary of State. She intends to file the necessary candidate papers on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010.

If elected, Stewart would be the first woman elected to serve in this statewide office.

“I decided to enter this particular race because the duties of Secretary of State mirror my own professional experience, skills and interests. This is an office I am fully qualified for; the duties I personally want to fulfill on behalf of all Nebraskans,” Stewart said.

A Nebraska native, Stewart, 60, is an attorney currently practicing in Fremont. She served as Clerk/Executive Director of the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations from 1975-1980.

Married to Richard Register for 24 years, she has a grown son and four grandsons. She graduated with honors from Creighton Law School, and has a degree in Economics and a Master of Social Work from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Stewart was employed at Mutual of Omaha for 24 years before taking an early retirement. Her combined legal and social work focus led her to also become a family mediator for the Nebraska Justice Center.

Stewart is scheduling travel throughout the State to hear directly from voters. She expressed, “I need to hear firsthand about the quality and delivery of services Nebraskans need to receive from their Secretary of State.”

Stewart ran for the 1st Congressional District seat in the 2004 Democratic Primary.

“The words I used in that race still describe me best – ‘independence, persistence and responsibility.’ Building on my prior campaign experience, I have worked to encourage more participation in the political process; awaiting the right opportunity to offer myself again as a candidate for elected office,” she said.

Stewart said, “I am confident that Nebraska voters will choose the candidate who has the ability, energy and dedication to best serve as their next Secretary of State. I have strived to work ethically and diligently throughout my career, and I pledge this same level of commitment if elected.”