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Keith Hurlbert, Director
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Dear Keith,

The month of November is a time of year during which we reflect on what we are grateful for and make the time to express our gratitude. I am grateful for the local partners who support public health through their leadership and advocacy.

The leadership you demonstrated to ensure recognition of your workforce for all they have given in the response to the pandemic bolsters their resolve to continue supporting communities in their response and recovery efforts. By supporting Health Officer Siegenthaler and championing the creation of the COVID-19 Response Resolution, you publicly recognized the dedication and determination of the public health workforce in Iowa County. Additionally, your encouragement for the resolution to be presented to various committees demonstrates courage and unity as you stood alongside Health Officer Siegenthaler in support of the health and safety for Iowa County residents. Ultimately, the County Board voting unanimously to approve the COVID-19 Response Resolution strongly supports the steps your county is taking toward response to and recovery from the pandemic.

Your recognition of the skill and resilience that Iowa County employees, including public health staff, partners, and volunteers, have shown while facing challenges, meeting the needs of communities across the county, and preparing for future public health crises goes a long way in supporting the county's workforce and health of the public.

A strong public health system flourishes when it has strong partnerships across all sectors. We are grateful for your partnership with public health. As noted in the recent press release about Iowa County's top performer status in slowing the spread of COVID-19, public health has long been, and will continue to be, a team effort. Thank you for your leadership to create a healthy environment in Iowa County to support vibrant communities. Your support and actions create opportunities for everyone to live their best life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula Tran', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Paula Tran
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