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American Academy of Family Medicine

Re: Letter of Support for the 2024 American Academy of Family Medicine's (AAFP) Public Health Award

To whom it may concern:

The Lake County Board of Supervisors supports Public Health Officer Noemi Doohan, MD, PhD, MPH, as an applicant for the 2024 American Academy of Family Medicine's (AAFP) Public Health Award. Dr. Doohan has served as the Public Health Officer for Mendocino County in the first year of the pandemic, followed by serving as a Public Health Medical Officer for the State of California for Covid, MonkeyPox and the infant formula emergencies, and then for Santa Barbara Public Health as the Chief Medical Officer before serving as the Public Health Officer for Lake County.

As the current Public Health Officer for the County of Lake, Dr. Doohan has stepped into a role that has not been served by a full-time health officer for 2 years. A top priority of Dr. Doohan's is to solidify the role of the Public Health Officer for the County and community of Lake; and solidify a succession plan so that Lake County will not be without a full-time health officer again in the future.

In only four months, Dr. Doohan has been able to make substantial contributions alongside the leadership and staff of County departments. She has assisted with finalizing the multi-agency ambulance ordinance; prepared for the annual jail inspection which will take place in February 2024; responded to the youth fentanyl overdose crisis; supported the Health Services division as we transition to a new Public Health Director; collaborated with the Partnership Health Plan, Tribal Nations and State and regional Local health departments on numerous public health campaigns and grant funded projects; and participated in multiple environmental programs including the protecting the Clear Lake Hitch and preventing harm from Hazardous Algal blooms on Clear Lake.

Dr. Doohan has a willingness to work outside the normal duties of a health officer to support the County departments and the community in this time of pandemic recovery. She has shown strong leadership, innovation, and advocacy in all of the activities she has engaged in with Lake County and has aided patients through our communicable disease and disease control programs.

Prior to working for government formally as a public health professional, Dr. Doohan worked for decades as a volunteer and philanthropist to improve the health conditions of communities experiencing homelessness through Street Medicine. This community based public health Street Medicine policy work continues to provide her with an avenue to provide public health volunteerism alongside my professional public health career.

The Lake County Board of Supervisors strongly requests your consideration of Public Health Officer Noemi Doohan, MD, PhD, MPH, as an applicant for the 2024 American Academy of Family Medicine's (AAFP) Public Health Award.

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Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors