



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of the Secretary

May 8, 2019

Dear Joe,

Congratulations! I am writing to share the news that I have selected you to receive the Louisiana Department of Health's *Health Hero* award. This award recognizes your extraordinary leadership and the positive impact you have made on the health of Louisiana's residents.

Joe, we recognize you for dedicating your career to public health. Your leadership and guidance has been a tremendous asset to our state. In the last two decades, you have implemented positive change and growth within LPHI. Your leadership has been tremendous guiding the organization to generate over \$400 million in resources to support public health programming within Louisiana and even stretching beyond and across the Gulf Coast.

Your passion for public health and commitment to develop the capacity of the state's public health workforce has left an indelible mark on Louisiana, and the health of our residents will benefit for many years to come.

Thank you for your commitment to health and healthcare. It is an honor to recognize you as a *Health Hero*.

Sincerely,

Rebekah E. Gee, MD, MPH
Secretary
Louisiana Department of Health