

Jill Ainsworth
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Dear Jill,

Each of Idaho's seven Regional Behavioral Health Boards held a vote to select an individual in their respective communities who exemplifies community advocacy, resiliency, and passion for mental health. Empower Idaho is pleased to inform you that you have been selected by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Region 1 Behavioral Health Board to receive the 2021 Mental Health Advocate Award in celebration of Idaho Mental Health Month!

To illustrate why the Region 1 Behavioral Health Board felt compelled to select you, I will share the words of Chief of Police Dennis Sanchez: "[Jill] was diligent about getting groups (such as myself) involved and educated with mental health, thus making the conversation and work more impactful with a broader spectrum. Since that meeting, my agency and others have become heavily involved in advancing mental health in our communities. In my more than twenty year law enforcement career, I can undoubtedly attest to the positive changes all first responders have made in this field to better serve those in need. A very large part of this change in our area is due to the work of Jill Ainsworth."

Congratulations on receiving this meaningful recognition. The Empower Idaho team is grateful for the opportunity to honor you in this way. We are in the process of creating a physical award to commemorate what you mean to the Idaho Mental Health Community, which will be mailed to the Behavioral Health Board, or directly to you. In the meantime, please accept this certificate in recognition of all of your hard work and commitment to helping others!

Sincerely,

Anna Guida, MPA
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