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Dear Shantal Lauu,

Empower Idaho, in partnership with the Region 6 Behavioral Health Board, is pleased to inform you that you have been chosen to receive the 2022 Mental Health Advocate Award in celebration of Idaho Mental Health Month. Each of Idaho's seven Behavioral Health Boards selected individuals in their respective communities who exemplify community advocacy, resiliency, and passion for mental health. Your work embodies these qualities and deserves recognition and celebration.

A few words from the Region 6 Board and the South East Idaho Behavioral Crisis Center board: To show our appreciation to one of South East Idaho's most dedicated public servants in the field of mental health, the board at the South East Idaho Behavioral Crisis Center and the Region 6 Behavioral Health Board would like to nominate Shantal Alofaaga Lauu for the 2022 Idaho Mental Health Advocate Award. Shantal has demonstrated strong leadership as the chair of our board for almost two years. Not only does she chair the R6 Behavioral Health Board, but she also serves on multiple committees and boards throughout our community and spends her time making contributions to improve the lives of people who have mental illnesses, substance use issues, co-occurring disorders, and those that may be in need of indigent services. Shantal has been an employee of Bannock County for 5+ years, filling the role of the Indigent Services Director. Her contributions to the South East Idaho Behavioral Crisis Center board have gone above and beyond as well during the past few years. Shantal works directly with professionals in our community through her multiple roles to effectively educate the public about mental health and mental illness concerns. Shantal is visible in our community and is continually working to bring our community together to create action over one of the most neglected areas of healthcare. Shantal doesn't seek recognition for her selfless work and as a board, we cannot think of someone who would be more deserving of this award.

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 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  
*Empower Idaho Program Manager*