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Dear Benji Pedroza,

Empower Idaho, in partnership with the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board, is pleased to inform you that you are the recipient of the 2022 Mental Health Advocate Award in celebration of Idaho Mental Health Month. Each of Idaho's seven Behavioral Health Boards selected an individual in their respective communities who exemplifies community advocacy, resiliency, and passion for mental health. Your work embodies these qualities and deserves recognition and celebration.

A few words from the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board: Benji Pedroza is a Peer Support Specialist and Certified Peer Recovery Coach at the Center for Hope. Benji has supported countless peers in our community and state by supporting them to find their recovery pathway. He is one of the most compassionate people I have ever met. He has worked tirelessly with the Idaho Department of Correction supporting us in our mission and vision statement to best support those that are reentering our community. Benji goes above and beyond in his role and I know that numerous people have found inspiration, support and hope working with Benji. It is an honor to work alongside him. There is nobody more deserving of such recognition. You are so loved Benji! Thank you for all you do!

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*