

Marc Shigeta
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Dear Marc,

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 3 Behavioral Health Board to receive the 2021 Mental Health Advocate Award in celebration of Idaho Mental Health Month!

To illustrate why you were selected, I have included a statement provided by the Region 3 Behavioral Health Board: "A long-time Idaho resident, Marc has served both his community and the region for many years. He has been County Commissioner of Payette County for 19 years and, in that capacity, has served on the Region 3 Mental Health Board and redesigned Behavioral Health Board for a combined 17 years. In that time, Marc has been a tireless advocate for those with behavioral health needs, especially in rural communities, and has envisioned and championed new, innovative services for extremely underserved areas of our state. The Region 3 Behavioral Health Board believes that Marc epitomizes our mission and are extremely proud to present him with this well-deserved recognition and 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 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,



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