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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

In early April, the Governor's Office asked agency directors to nominate employees who exemplify what it means to be an "ambassador of public service." We are thrilled to let you know that Jessie Martin of the ODDS Quality Improvement Unit was one of those selected for recognition.

Jessie truly exemplifies public service. Whether as an ODDS employee or elsewhere, she has worked tirelessly to advance the inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In Jessie's 30 years with the state, she has worn many hats, including licenser, area coordinator and regional coordinator. In her current position with the Quality Improvement Unit she has focused her energy and time on developing a serious incident reporting process which will improve outcomes for people receiving I/DD services.

Jessie is well known and respected by the provider community and the case management entities in the I/DD system. She is always approachable and responsive when asked for assistance. If she doesn't know the answer, she proactively seeks out the person who does. Jessie understands customer service.

On May 1, Governor Brown hosted the ambassadors at Mahonia Hall to personally recognize their contributions.

Oregon is joining states across the nation in celebrating Public Service Recognition Week on May 6 through 12. This week is set aside annually to

honor public employees and to educate the public about the many ways government workers make life better for our communities.

We are pleased to recognize Jessie. And all the public servants who work to assist people with I/DD lead full and meaningful lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a trailing flourish.

Lilia Teninty
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