

**A Resolution of
Recognition, Commendation, and Appreciation
Acknowledging**

Teresa Larsen

**Executive Director, The Protection and Advocacy Project,
for a Career of Exemplary Service
Adopted by the
North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council**

July 21, 2021

WHEREAS, Teresa Larsen has demonstrated a lifetime career of service on behalf of the citizens of North Dakota, with an especial commitment to advancing the wellbeing and fulfillment of all individuals of disability, regardless of standing, mindful always of embracing and expanding the better elements of our common humanity; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Larsen has imparted a library of knowledge and engendered an accessible wisdom to those she has mentored, embodying compassion and selflessness to those in need, and instilling inspiration and planting encouragement to those she has led, marked by a genuineness as broad as the horizon itself, and

WHEREAS, Teresa Larsen has emanated an unwavering commitment, willingness and ability to understand and respond to the concerns and needs of children, and families, and every uniquely endowed individual with behavioral health needs across our state, evidencing substantial and significant contributions to the betterment of our state's behavioral health Continuum of Care and to the evolving legacy of the state of North Dakota, and in so doing demonstrating a tenacity and persistence in pursuit of the common good, resulting in ground-cutting public policies, the notable securing of resources, and a transformative spirit of collaboration among all our state's stakeholders.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council, acting within its official capacity and standing as a single body, does hereby recognize Teresa Larsen, one of our own and a Member in Exemplary Standing, for a lifetime career marked with distinction for the many contributions and accomplishments she has brought upon herself and this state, marking the highest standards of public service and exemplifying the truest attributes of a true steward of the public good, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council, representing the many voices and hands of those who seek to find a better way and to build a better world, do recognize, commend, and express our boundless appreciation to Teresa Larsen for sharing with us the very best of all she is in every aspect of her work and life, marked by her goodness, kindness, generosity, unwavering commitment, irrepressible sense of faith and hope, and an abiding care for all.

This Resolution of Recognition, Commendation, and Appreciation hereby stands approved, by unanimous consent, this day, Wednesday, the Twenty-First of July, Two Thousand Twenty-One.