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May 2, 2011

Dear Fellow State Employees:

It is again the time of year we join together to reflect on public service and to express our thanks to the state employees who so laudably serve the citizens of North Carolina.

May 1 – 7, 2011, we celebrate State Employee Recognition Week, with Wednesday, May 4 set aside as State Employee Appreciation Day. While we choose one week to publicly express our appreciation, we must remind ourselves to show gratitude for each person on every appropriate occasion for contributions made and service provided to others with competence and compassion.

We come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, from different perspectives and faiths. We have different gifts and strengths, different positions and responsibilities. We work in different places and at different times. Yet we function within North Carolina State Government as one community committed to serving the citizens of our great state, each of us bringing something special for the good of each other and those whom we serve. We are all colleagues in pursuit of common goals, and we depend on the contributions and commitment of each other to achieve those goals.

I thank all state employees for the good they have done, the work they have contributed, the joy they have shared, the care they have expressed, the assistance they have provided, the knowledge they have conveyed, and the time and talent they have dedicated to North Carolina's citizens.

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the work you do and please join me in sharing your gratitude with your fellow state employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda D. Coleman".

Linda D. Coleman

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