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"To advance the health of our patients and our communities by providing extraordinary care" I would like to extend my most warm and sincere welcome to the Los Angeles County (LA County) Department of Health Services' (DHS) family. While I regret this introduction comes during such a challenging time, I am very glad you are joining our amazing and dedicated workforce, DHS is the cornerstone of the health care safety net in LA County and you will be an essential part of the team.

Each day, I am incredibly proud of the work we do at our facilities and in the community. As you know, we are the second largest municipal health system in the nation, operating four hospitals and 26 outpatient health centers throughout LA County. In addition, we also provide health care to people experiencing homelessness, youth in the juvenile justice system and inmates in the LA County jails. In everything we do, we strive to live up to our mission: to advance the health of our patients and our communities by providing extraordinary care.

We would not have been able to get through this pandemic without the extraordinary people in this organization. Though this pandemic has tested our system and our staff in many ways, our DHS workforce has stepped through the darkest shadows of this pandemic together and brought light to our most vulnerable patients and their families. We have never wavered from our commitment to providing high-quality and compassionate care to our patients and steadfast support for our staff.

As we work together to overcome the challenges of this crisis and move toward recovery, please accept my sincerest gratitude for your service and willingness to be a part of our community. Someday, under better conditions, I look forward to properly celebrating each and every one of you. In the meantime, welcome and thank you for your dedication to our lifesaving mission at DHS.

Sincerely,

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