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Dr. Cheryl Davis
Director
Minnesota Department of Public Health
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Dear Dr. Davis,

Please accept this letter and my resume as an application for the Director position at the Minnesota Department of Public Health. As the Assistant Director of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Division at the Minnesota Department of Public Health, I led and supported five programs, engaging in all aspects of management and leadership. With over 10 years of experience in public health leadership roles; a solid foundation in public health research, data analysis, and program evaluation; and a record of negotiating, influencing, and collaborating with government, community, and internal stakeholders; I bring the skills and expertise needed to lead and manage prevention programs across the state.

I advanced through multiple positions, having been recognized for my leadership and management skills, commitment to implementing and enhancing public health programs, and ability to bring together the right people and resources to get the job done. As the Health Program Assistant Director, I worked closely with the Director to roll out a COVID-19 testing program across the State of Minnesota, and I used data to modify and enhance the program to reduce the number of infections and deaths across the state. My ability to navigate emerging public health situations, use data to drive decisions, pivot programs to meet the health and safety needs of communities, and handle high levels of uncertainty and ambiguity, have helped me advance quickly through analyst, coordinator, manager, and assistant director roles at the Olmsted County Department of Public Health and at the Minnesota Department of Health.

My commitment to public health stretches beyond my work role into active engagement in the public health community through the American Public Health Association, where I presented at conferences, volunteered, and mentored other public health professionals; and the Minnesota Public Health Association, where I currently serve as a Board Member. I am advancing my education to stay current and informed as a public health leader, researcher, and community health advocate by pursuing my DrPH degree at Walden University, a CEPH accredited program and regionally accredited institution with a mission of positive social change. My instructors have inspired and challenged me to examine the complexity of current public health issues and emerging research. I plan to apply the knowledge from my academic program in my next leadership role.

I am looking forward to sharing more about how I can lead the department to meet and exceed goals and initiatives during times of complex and evolving public health challenges in Minnesota's urban and rural communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eduardo J. Rodriguez, MPH, CPH

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