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Division 35, Society for the Psychology of Women
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Re: National MultiCultural Conference and Summit
Distinguished Elder Award.

We are writing this letter of support for Iva V. GreyWolf, PhD for the 2019 National Multicultural Conference and Summit Distinguished Elder Award. We respectfully ask that the Division 35 nomination committee put forth Dr. GreyWolf as their nominee for this award. We are pleased to provide the committee with information concerning Dr. GreyWolf's qualifications. We approach this task with a great deal of enthusiasm, excitement, and pride largely because we have found our professional and personal relationships with Dr. GreyWolf to be most rewarding and enlightening. Consistent with our American Indian culture and in the spirit of consensus and harmony, we respectfully submit this letter to represent all of us in our full nomination and support for Dr. GreyWolf. Moreover, we do strongly believe that Dr. GreyWolf's professional accomplishments and activities, in particular in support of women, over the past 30 plus years are noteworthy. It is our great honor to submit Dr. GreyWolf, to you for the Distinguished Elder Award. She is the current President-Elect of the Society of Indian Psychologists and led the initiative for the founding of the Division 35, Section 6: Section on Alaska Native, American Indian, and Indigenous Women. She has also been named a fellow of Division 35, one of only three indigenous women to receive this honor.

Dr. GreyWolf has dedicated her life to making sure those with less access and resources are afforded the same quality of mental health care as those in less remote areas of the country. She is an advocate, mentor, teacher, and leader in her quiet, unassuming way. She was the first in her family to get a college education and received awards from Indian Health Service for outstanding service related to her work with child sexual abuse victims. GreyWolf was the first graduate of the American Indian Support Project at Utah State University and an APA Minority Fellow. She served over 35 years in Alaska Native and American Indian communities in behavioral health. When confronted with severely traumatized children with the closest services an hour away, but refusing to take the referrals, she worked with community allies to address the lack of legal recourse for abused children in Indian Country and testified before Congress leading to new federal codes to address sex crimes against children. GreyWolf has helped to bring qualified behavioral health care to remote areas of (especially southeast) Alaska by providing supervision and training to clinicians in the remote villages and islands where weather is a year-round challenge go getting help to these locations. Inconsistent travel, lack of hotels for itinerate providers, and lack of technological infrastructure the challenges the heartiest of

providers. Dr. GreyWolf's tenure as a healthy role model, supervisor, teacher, and mentor that is insistent upon appropriate cultural components to all her work.

Now in retirement, she continues to teach "Native Ways of Knowing" for the University of Alaska-Anchorage APA approved Clinical-Community Psychology Program where they are leading the way in recognizing and supporting non-western approaches to psychology. She is a mentor in the Society of Indian Psychologists mentoring program. Her dedication to women's issues and in particular indigenous women and others whose voices have been silenced, Dr. GreyWolf is still making the indigenous voice heard in drawing attention to the issues of missing, murdered, and trafficked indigenous women. She, along with colleagues and mentees has just recently completed a white paper about missing, murdered and trafficked indigenous women. She is also extending this work with a special issue journal about this topic and has called upon the division to submit current work.

She has served on the Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs and as its chair, the Committee on Rural Health and as its chair, and now on the Committee for Socioeconomic Status for the American Psychological Association. All of these committees' work centers on her goal of addressing the needs of the culturally diverse, rural and remote, and disadvantaged women.

With her lifelong commitment to generating, strengthening, and expanding behavioral health, in particular for women, through cultural knowledge and diversity, the Society of Indian Psychologists would like the Awards Committee of Division 35 to nominate Dr. Iva GreyWolf as a Distinguished Elder for the 2019 National Multicultural Conference and Summit.

Respectfully,



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