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To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Dolores Bigfoot for the Joe Trimble Award. Dr. Bigfoot is nationally known in Indian country, the Indian Health Service, BIA, and the Department of Justice for the curriculum and other training materials she has developed on culture, evidence-based practice with American Indians, trauma focused therapy, treatment of child physical and sexual abuse, and other training materials too numerous to mention (please refer to her resume for details). Dr. Bigfoot has been an invited speaker to organizations throughout the United States, especially as she has trained professionals in Head Start, Indian Child Welfare and non-Indian Child Welfare organizations, APSAC, and other child abuse organizations, as well as the American Psychological Association (APA). She has also received awards from APA's Division 12, Section VI and APSAC. Dr. Bigfoot has truly made a name for herself in Indian country, although it was not her intent to become so well known. She just wanted to train professionals and teachers so that skills in working with children, youth, and families could be enhanced and problems prevented.

There is far more that I can say about this talented and gracious Caddo Indian psychologist, but brevity is often called for in award announcements..

Cordially,

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