To whom it may concern,

I would highly recommend Linda Cook, co-owner of Gilbert and Cook, for the Woman of Influence Award for 2015. She is a business leader in our community and in her field.

I met Linda more than five years ago through the local chapter of the Entrepreneurs Organization during the year my husband served as President. When he introduced me to Linda I was impressed with her unassuming confidence. It was shortly after that meeting where we decided to use Gilbert and Cook for our financial planning and retirement needs.

Over the last five years I have been fortunate to get to know Linda as more than a client, but on a much more personal level. She is a strong leader in her field who she exudes confidence, grace, and kindness. She handles her business in a highly ethical manner; I trust her implicitly with our finances as I've never seen her waiver personally or professionally. I have seen her regularly host luncheons for women in the community where guest speakers have focused on women in leadership, planning for your future, and other such topics, all in an effort to help women live a life of abundance.

As a former Executive Leader in the Financial Services Industry, I cannot think of another person who would be more deserving of this award than Linda Cook. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>515-306-300</u>.

Sincerely, Maureen J. Berger