

I am most pleased and very proud to nominate Molly M. Phillips for the Women of Influence recognition.

I have known Molly for more than 20 years and have worked with her in many capacities during that time. When I was Governor Branstad's legislative liaison we worked closely together on issues that affected IPTV in both the policy and appropriations arena. As IPTV's Director of Communications, there was no single person who was more passionate about IPTV than Molly.

For the past 7 years I have served on the Broadcast Board for IPTV and for the past 5 years I have had the opportunity to serve as Chair. I was on the search committee for the new Executive Director when Dan Miller retired. We interviewed many candidates from all over the country, but only Molly displayed the passion, knowledge, and leadership skills necessary to do the job and she was the unanimous choice of the search committee and the Board of Directors.

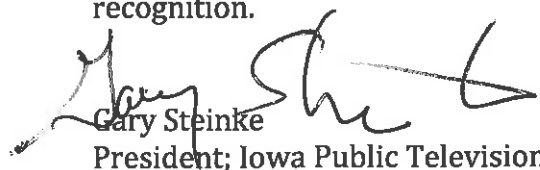
I have been the Chair of IPTV throughout Molly's entire time as Executive Director and General Manager of IPTV. Since assuming the leadership of the agency, Molly has earned the respect of all of the employees at IPTV and just as significantly has earned the respect of her colleagues from across the country and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. She has been asked to serve on every major national board relating to public television policy, and very recently was elected to serve as a member of the Public Broadcasting Board of Directors, a high honor and an influential position. Her service on these national Boards, too numerous to mention, has really positioned IPTV as a national leader in public broadcasting.

Beyond all of these accomplishments I have saved the best for the last. Since Molly assumed her leadership position, Iowa Public Television has been the number one most watched public television station in the entire country. IPTV is constantly recognized as a national leader for quality programming and innovations in educational programming as well.

It has been her hiring skills, her vision, and her willingness to take some risks that have made IPTV the number one station in America.

She makes Iowa proud.

I know of no other woman more deserving of this wonderful Women of Influence recognition.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Steinke", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Gary Steinke
President; Iowa Public Television Broadcast Board