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The Women of Influence Awards Selection Committee
Business Record
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100 4th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

RE: LOR- Dr. Nicole Jacquelyn Gilg Gachiani, MD, MPH for The Emerging Woman of Influence 2018

To the Selection Committee:

I'm delighted to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of my colleague Dr. Nicole Gilg Gachiani for the Emerging Woman of Influence Award through the Business Record. I am a geriatrician and the Director of Palliative Medicine at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. My colleague, Dr. Gilg, is the Section Chief for the Broadlawns Primary Care Clinic.

I have known Nicole for the last two years since I joined the medical staff as a physician in the Broadlawns Geriatric and Memory Center. She has been at Broadlawns since 2012. Her practice focuses on attending to the healthcare needs of an underserved patient population within our community, in particular the Burmese and Nepalese refugees and neglected adolescent. We have some shared patients, and we have given presentations to medical students and residents on the critical importance of population health. Like me, Dr. Gilg has Master in Public Health (MPH), and she is keenly interested in population health and addressing the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). She is a very thorough clinician and dedicated educator. Along with her busy clinical practice, Nicole serves on many internal committees at Broadlawns and within the community at large. Nicole is an extremely hardworking healthcare provider who is committed to making a significant difference in the lives of the people and patients whom she comes across. As she is still in the early years of her professional career, I have no doubt that Nicole will continue to evolve as a thought leader in the medical community and will make a significant impact on the health of our community by attending to the healthcare needs of the at-risk patients we serve locally at Broadlawns.

I strongly recommend Dr. Gilg Gachiani for the Emerging Women of Influence Award. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Yshah". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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