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Tom Mauk, County Executive Officer  
County of Orange  
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Dear Tom:

It is with a sense of both anticipation and regret that I am informing you of my plans to retire as Director of the Health Care Agency, effective March 26, 2009.

I came to the County as a young, mental health nurse and 36 years later, I still believe that the well being of the people of Orange County is at the center of everything HCA does every day. Through the years, I have had the pleasure of working with talented, energetic people who work tirelessly to protect the public. These people have consistently sought to be innovative, creating best practices and breaking new ground in an effort to provide the best standard of care possible. It has been my honor to lead them as Director for these past years.

Personally, I have enjoyed all of the challenges and all those I have worked with side by side along the way. It has been a great adventure. But, with the birth of my second grandchild next month, it's time for me to shift my focus to family and friends. It's time for a new adventure.

Thank you, Tom, for your support for me and for the Agency. I know the staff at HCA will continue to do great things, rising to the challenge of these very difficult times.

Sincerely,

*Julie*

Juliette A. Poulson, RN, MN  
Director