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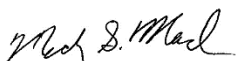
Please accept this letter in support of Barbara A. Bakker's application for Professor Emerita at the University of Northern Iowa. Ms. Bakker meets the minimum of twenty years of creditable full-time or part-time service in higher education eligibility requirements with a minimum accumulation of ten years of service at UNI.

Barb Bakker served as Instructor and Coordinator of the School Health Endorsement Program in Online and Distance Education and the Department of Health, Recreation and Community Services. During her time at UNI, Ms. Bakker made a significant difference in the lives of her students. She was an exceptional teacher who was loved by her students. Frequent student assessment comments noted that she was "very energetic and makes learning fun", "best professor at UNI", and a "Great instructor".

Barb Bakker was also a tireless advocate for the school health education program at UNI. During her tenure, the number of students enrolled in UNI's health education minor experienced significant increases and record highs. Then, to meet the needs of practicing teachers wanting to add a health endorsement but unable to attend our traditional on-campus classes, she started UNI's online health endorsement program, which has flourished.

To summarize, Barbara A. Bakker was a superb faculty member who will be missed by her students and colleagues. She is to be commended for her many years of service to UNI, the profession, and the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,



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