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Greetings to Our Valued Staff:

I want to thank each of you for the professionalism and patience that you have shown during this unprecedented time for our beloved Library District. I am so proud of how you have helped me, our EC team, and our Health & Safety Mitigation Taskforce, to navigate these uncharted waters. The taskforce is chaired by Assistant General Services Director John Vino, and includes Safety Manager Nicole Baker, Regional Operations Managers Carlotta Dickerson and Leo Segura, Assistant Branding & Marketing Director Karen Bramwell, Assistant Finance Director Floresto Cabias, Purchasing & Administration Manager Nancy Hodges, HR Benefits Manager Tricia Pavone, Assistant IT Director Ron Melnar, and IT Systems & Network Supervisor Gunnar Kim.

It was a difficult decision for us to close our doors, but we are taking this step to help prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 virus. As always, the wellness of our staff, volunteers, customers, and community partners is our top priority.

I am thinking about each of you and your families as you shelter at home and work to protect yourself and those you love. Thanks to the foresight of our CFO Fred James, we are able to maintain financial stability for the foreseeable future and I can assure you that your jobs are secure during this period. Our anticipated reopen date is April 16, but we will reassess this as we see how things develop.

During this time, it is also critically important that we answer your questions and keep you informed. That is why our Branding & Marketing team has created this dedicated web page, exclusively for staff, where EC members can post updates. New information will be shared as it becomes available, so please check back daily. We hope that you will find this page to be helpful and reassuring as we brave this unprecedented public health challenge. If you have specific questions that we haven't addressed yet, please communicate these to your supervisor, who will share them with your EC department head.

Thank you again for your commitment and dedication to the important role that we play in the communities that we serve. We will weather this together and grow stronger for it.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Heezen
Executive Director