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Subject: County Administrator honored on the 2-year anniversary of the Joint Operations Center

Traverse City, Mich. - Grand Traverse County Administrator, Nate Alger, was presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition signed by U.S. Representative Jack Bergman (R-Mich) recognizing Alger's leadership with the Grand Traverse County Joint Operations Center (JOC) throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The event celebrated the collective efforts and effective community collaboration and teamwork over the past two years during the pandemic response.

Led by Alger, the JOC began on March 13, 2020. It included key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors. Through the formation of JOC, cross-sector collaborations were fostered by means of sharing information and resources which led to one consistent joint message to be distributed throughout the county.

County Administrator Nate Alger – "I can only accept this award on behalf of every JOC member that helped us throughout the last 2 years. These community leaders stepped up and came out of their specialties to work with us, the county, and the community to get through the pandemic."

The ceremony was attended by public officials including Grand Traverse County Commissioners, State Rep. John Roth (R-Grand Traverse County), and State Sen. Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City) as well as fellow JOC members.

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