**Announcement Letter**

**Congratulations on the accreditation of the Florida Department of Health Integrated Local Public Health Department System! Below is a sample letter that you can use to notify your community partners, civic leaders, policymakers, funders, and others about your achievement.**

[Insert Date]

Name

Address

Dear [Insert Name]:

We are pleased to inform you that the Florida Department of Health Integrated Local Public Health Department System has been accredited for five years by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

This milestone accomplishment is official recognition that the Florida Department of Health Integrated Local Public Health Department System meets or exceeds the rigorous standards established by PHAB, the nonprofit organization that administers the national public health accreditation program. Florida’s is the first statewide centralized integrated local public health department system in the nation to achieve PHAB accreditation.

With accreditation, Florida’s integrated system of 67 local public health departments is demonstrating its commitment to continuous quality improvement in order to meet the needs of Florida residents as effectively as possible. PHAB accreditation demonstrates the system’s accountability and credibility to everyone with whom it works.

The Florida Department of Health Integrated Local Public Health Department System is proud to be recognized by PHAB for demonstrating the capacity to protect and promote the health of communities across the state. The achievement of national accreditation will help guide our work to better protect, promote and preserve the health of Florida residents now and in the future.

If you have questions or comments about the system’s accomplishment, please contact [Name of appropriate contact person and phone number/email.]

Sincerely,