



April 23, 2018

Dear Kent County Employees:

I am thrilled to once again recognize and celebrate your accomplishments and hard work over the past year, during Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW). This week, which begins May 6, 2018, serves as a wonderful opportunity to say thank you for all you do on behalf of County residents. Together, our efforts to serve the public every day are critical to maintain and grow the quality of life in West Michigan.

In case you are not aware, PRSW was officially declared by Congress in 1985 and is celebrated annually during the first full week in May. It serves as a time to honor those who serve our nation, on a county level, in local and state government and at a federal level. This year, we will celebrate several incredible accomplishments through five awards:

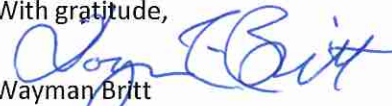
- **Excellence in Collaboration**
- **Excellence in Community Impact**
- **Excellence in Innovation**
- **Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (NEW!)**
- **Chairman's Award**

These awards are built around the Performance Measures every department sets annually and goals met for 2017. The awards will be presented on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners' evening meeting. To learn more about the process, check out the video online at [youtu.be/pJ-SOsyDyYQ](https://youtu.be/pJ-SOsyDyYQ).

Over the past year, I have watched our team be confronted by more challenges than ever before. Your ability to serve others, even when it seems like an impossible task, is a testament to your determination and collaboration. I am certainly proud of your efforts to respond to these challenges.

Stay tuned to email, and our social media pages for more about these awards and significant accomplishments which will be featured in the near future: [facebook.com/KentCountyMI](https://facebook.com/KentCountyMI) and [twitter.com/KentCountyMI](https://twitter.com/KentCountyMI).

With gratitude,

  
Wayman Britt  
Kent County Administrator/Controller