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Grand Traverse County Garners Michigan Healthy Worksite Award



(Traverse City, Michigan – Grand Traverse County) – Grand Traverse County officials recently learned that Grand Traverse County is a recipient of The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Michigan Healthy Worksite Award. The Award recognizes employers who are utilizing the Designing Healthy Environments at Work tools and actively

investing in well-being programs designed to improve the health of their workforce. Award winning organizations including Grand Traverse County have demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the culture of health within the workplace by focusing on the work environment along with organizational practices and policies. Award recipient efforts pay off in improved employee wellbeing, more effective management of healthcare costs, and the ability to attract and retain top talent. Grand Traverse County is commended by MDHHS for establishing evidence-based workplace well-being programs and should be distinguished as models for other Michigan businesses that seek to develop and enhance a culture of health.

“This award reflects the passion and hard work of our team of dedicated employees, the vision and commitment of our Administration, and the support of our Board of Commissioners, to make employee wellbeing a priority in our organization. I am proud to help lead these efforts for Grand Traverse County and grateful for the opportunity to work with and learn from MDHHS's MI Healthy Worksite Learning Collaborative and our other partners and experts. What inspires me most is knowing we have only scratched the surface of all that a wellness program can be for the good of our employees and our community, and I'm excited to continue to grow these initiatives in 2023,” stated Jenny McKeller, MSU Extension Center Office Manager and Employee Wellness Team Lead.

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