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Community invited to celebrate Health Department's national accreditation

(Lawrence, KS) – The City of Lawrence and Douglas County invite the public to join them in recognizing the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department in achieving national accreditation status from the Public Health Accreditation Board.

"The City of Lawrence is incredibly proud of its partnership with the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department," Lawrence Mayor Jeremy Farmer said. "We are especially proud that they are leading the way for preventative health and having productive conversations about what it will take collaboratively to make our community a healthier place to live, work and play."

The Community Celebration will be 5-6 p.m. June 18 at the Community Health Facility, 200 Maine St. There will be hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and the program will start at 5:30 p.m. and include:

- Remarks from Lawrence and Douglas County leaders
- Brief presentation by Dr. Robert Moser, executive director of the Kansas Heart and Stroke Collaborative at Kansas University Hospital and former Kansas Department of Health and Environment secretary
- Health Department video and unveiling of award

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department is among the first 75 health departments in the nation to receive national accreditation and the third in Kansas. The national accreditation program sets standards against which the country's more than 3,000 health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. To receive accreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets or exceeds a set of quality standards and measures.

"The Board of County Commissioners and all residents of Douglas County are extremely proud of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department for being awarded accreditation status by the Public Health Accreditation Board," Douglas County Commission Chairman Jim Flory said. "It is a prestigious accomplishment that demonstrates the dedication and qualifications of our LDCHD staff. Clearly, this award is one that the entire community should celebrate."