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## **2017 Health Department Employee of the Year Chosen**

*Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year award presented Hannah Emerson*

BLOOMINGTON – Hannah Emerson, Office Support Specialist II in the Maternal Child Health Division at the McLean County Health Department was selected as the 2017 Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year. Emerson has been with the McLean County Health Department since 2001 and has worked in her current position since 2006. The award was presented at the Health Department's December holiday staff meeting.

Noted for being an unsung hero, Emerson's hard work is mostly done behind the scenes and goes unacknowledged but is essential for enabling the Health Department to provide key services to the community. Her reliability, dedication and can-do attitude are key traits that make Emerson a valuable resource to co-workers and mark her as an individual who can be counted on to complete tasks for people and programs.

Whether it's juggling schedules and clients, consistently going above and beyond her job duties, maintaining an aged but nonetheless critical database, or covering for co-workers during routine breaks as well as extended leaves of absence, Emerson approaches each task with a smile on her face and a charitable spirit. Says her direct supervisor Ceci Gaspardo, "I really value Hannah's dedication to the Health Department. She took on a lot this year and successfully accomplished her own duties as well as those she assumed from others. She deserves the title, Employee of the Year."

The Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year award honors an employee of the McLean County Health Department for outstanding achievement related to public health services in McLean County. Criteria for the award include commitment to the health department mission, demonstrated success in furthering the mission, exemplary representation of the department and achievement above and beyond required responsibilities.

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*Photo caption: Hannah Emerson, 2017 recipient of the Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year Award*