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**Nominations Sought for 32nd Annual
Virginia Hart Special Recognition Award**

I am writing to ask for your personal assistance in supporting this important recognition award.

Virginia Hart was the first woman to serve on a Governor's cabinet in Wisconsin. During her public service career, she served as Secretary of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Chairperson of the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations Commission, and Chairperson of the Labor and Industry Review Commission.

When Virginia Hart retired, her friends and colleagues established an award fund in her honor to recognize "exemplary performance and contributions to the citizens of the state" by women in state government. The award recognizes the "unsung heroines" of state service - women whose contributions to clients, co-workers or the public may not be highly visible, but are substantial. In 2007, Ms. Hart passed away but she lives on through this award to encourage and recognize the achievements of all women in state government.

The Virginia Hart Award Committee is soliciting nominations for this year's award. I encourage you to circulate the enclosed nomination form as soon as possible and to solicit nominations for this award at your agency.

The nomination form provides more information about the award criteria and nomination process. The award will be conferred at a ceremony on May, 2015, at the Capitol in Madison.

I am pleased that we have this opportunity to salute women in government who are making a difference. Thank you for giving this your personal attention.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
Governor

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**NOMINATION FOR THE 32ND ANNUAL
VIRGINIA HART SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
2015**

PRINT Nominee's Name _____
Current Position _____ Permanent ___ Project ___
Supervisor's Name _____
Agency _____ Division _____ Phone _____
Work Address _____ Room _____ City _____ Zip _____
E-mail address _____

DESCRIBE HOW YOUR NOMINEE HAS DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AND HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE. YOU'RE ENCOURAGED TO CITE SPECIAL EXAMPLES, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO ADDRESS HOW THE NOMINEE MEETS THE QUALITIES AS OUTLINED IN THE COVER MEMO, PROVIDING SPECIAL DETAIL. AVOID OVER USE OF AGENCY ACRONYMS. YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Please print or type using this form as the official format or attach a description to this form.

AVOID OVER USE OF AGENCY ACRONYMS

Nominator's Name _____
Current Position _____
Agency _____ Work Address _____ Room _____
City _____ Zip _____ Work Phone _____
E-mail address _____

SEND 5 COPIES TO: Hart Recognition Committee, attn: Dee Surillo,
Office of State Employment Relations, P.O. Box 7855, Madison, WI 53707-7855

DEADLINE: March 31, 2015

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
32ND ANNUAL VIRGINIA HART SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Nominations due: March 31, 2015

Nominations are now being solicited for the 32nd Annual Virginia Hart Special Recognition Award. The award was established on behalf of Virginia Hart, Wisconsin's first woman cabinet member, upon her retirement in 1983. Her friends and colleagues established a fund so that each year a woman in Wisconsin state service could be recognized for exemplary performance and contribution to the people of Wisconsin.

During her distinguished career with state government, Ms. Hart served as Secretary of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Chairperson of the Commission for the Department of Industry, Labor, and Human Relations, and Chairperson of the Labor and Industry Review Commission.

The award's emphasis is recognizing "unsung heroines" in state service, to provide encouragement and recognition to all women in state government. Qualities might include:

- Held in high esteem by peers
- Acceptance of responsibility beyond the limits of nominee's job description
- Sustained, extraordinary achievement of assigned tasks
- Performance recognition from clients
- Community service
- Overcoming hardships to performance
- Self improvement

This list of qualities is not exhaustive. It identifies, however, the qualities Ms. Hart exemplified when the Special Recognition Award was established.

The Awards Committee needs your help to obtain nominations for potential award recipients. Please use the Nomination Form to nominate a woman you think should be recognized. Nomination Forms may be reproduced.

Nominations can be made by anyone. Nominees can be in classified (represented or non-represented) or unclassified service and from any part of the state. Limited Term Employees are **not** eligible for the award. Employees of the university and Legislature are **not** eligible. A single recipient will be recognized in an award ceremony in May.

Please help make the recognition award a success by nominating a woman (or women) who makes a real difference in state service.

For more information, please contact Dee Surillo at the Office of State Employment Relations, Dominga.Surillo@Wisconsin.gov or 608.266.9820.