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Deputy Secretary Tom Engels  
Department of Health Services  
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Dear Deputy Secretary Engels:

I am deeply saddened to learn the news of Secretary Rhoades' passing. I recognize how difficult it is for you and your Department to lose a leader, colleague, and friend. Secretary Rhoades was a dedicated public servant, and an inspiration to all who worked with her.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 15.04(2), upon the absence of the Secretary it is your duty as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health Services to exercise the powers, duties, and functions of the Secretary. Thus, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute § 15.04(2), I hereby direct you to represent the Department of Health Services as interim Secretary pending the appointment of Secretary Rhoades' successor.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker  
Governor