Hello Everyone,

I’m Jason Sutheimer, Director for your North Dakota Society for Human Resource Management (ND SHRM) State Council. I want to take an opportunity to express my gratitude and support to all of you and for the work you have been doing to help your organization overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. I know you are all dealing with difficult situations and decisions while guiding your leadership teams and employees on how to navigate this unprecedented situation and create the new future of work which include virtual working environments, like the one I am in currently.

I know many of you are looking forward to the excitement of networking, hearing great speakers, gaining recertification credits, and seeing old friends at this year’s 2020 ND SHRM Workforce & HR Conference. Unfortunately, it is with great regret that I announce the cancellation of this year’s conference. The ND SHRM State made this decision based upon the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in ND, projections for ND's peak to be late July/early August, the policies and limitations of social distancing for a conference of our size, restrictions that many businesses have in place for their staff to attend in person conferences, and ultimately the safety of our speakers, vendors, sponsors, and attendees. Although this was a very difficult decision; we know it was the best decision we could make at this time.

To overcome the impacts of the cancellation; we plan to work with the five ND State chapters (Agassiz Valley HR Association – Fargo; Central Dakota HR Association – Bismarck; Fargo-Moorhead HR Association – Fargo; Greater Grand Forks HR Association – Grand Forks; and Southwest Area HR Association – Dickinson) to find alternatives to support you as a North Dakota HR professional and meet our mission of “supporting the human resource profession across North Dakota by providing leadership, connections, development opportunities, and resources.”

We have also started plans to make the 2021 ND SHRM Conference an even bigger and better event. We have secured the Bismarck Event Center for August 31, 2021 through September 2, 2021 and all three Keynote speakers have already agreed to speak. Our keynotes include Jill Christensen, Patrick Henry, and John Baldino.

We look forward to serving you throughout the remainder of the year and hope to see you at the 2021 ND SHRM Workforce & HR Conference.

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