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Dear State Employees:

One of life's greatest rewards is making a difference in the lives of others. As a state employee, you make a difference in the lives of others each and every day. Whether you ensure that we have clean water to drink, inspect our gas pumps, make sure our highways are safe, or care for those who are disabled, you make a difference in the lives of other North Carolinians. You have a significant impact on the quality of life in our state.

As we celebrate State Employee Recognition Week in 2008, please accept my appreciation for the work you do. Though your work may seem to go unnoticed, I assure you that you are recognized not only for your good work, but also for your good deeds. Year after year, your call to service continues in your communities where you help those in need and touch the lives of those in our state and beyond our borders.

While State Employee Recognition Week is a time to honor and celebrate those who serve our state, it is also a time to call on a new generation of North Carolinians to consider public service. In the coming years, many of us will retire and those retirements pose a serious challenge for continuing to meet the needs of our citizens. As we celebrate State Employee Recognition Week, please share the rewards of working for state government with others so that they may understand the exciting and challenging work a career in public service offers. Let them know that they, too, can make a difference in our state.

In the words of Albert Schweitzer, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." I thank you for your service and wish you continued happiness and success in your career.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas H. Wright".

Thomas H. Wright
State Personnel Director

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