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Dear NAMI 2023 Elections Committee:

NAMI Mississippi is proud to submit the name of Mavis Creagh as a candidate for the 2023-2024 NAMI Board of Directors. The nomination of Mavis Creagh was confirmed via email vote on March 18, 2023. Mavis Creagh is an active member of NAMI Mississippi.

Mavis Creagh is an exceptional candidate for the 2023-2024 NAMI Board of Directors. She has served in the community for over 15 years especially to underserved and disadvantaged populations. The rates of mental illness and mental health issues are increased especially since the pandemic. She herself had her own battles with mental illness and shared portions of her story when presenting "In Your Own Voice." She started a community mental health initiative to partner with existing organizations in the heart of neighborhoods to support mental health for all.

She also has been instrumental in chairing the Affiliate Walk for the last two years. Each year the goal of \$10,000 has been met. On a regular basis she presents for CIT Officers and has participated in the graduations as a community member. Mavis also has been trained to be a facilitator for the Family and Friends program and believes that education, support, and advocacy could potentially save lives especially for individuals living with mental illness. She has shared the important message of Mental Health Advocacy and education to three Universities, Corp of Engineers, Faith Based Organizations, After School Programs, Civic Organizations, and many more.

Her presence and determination to get the word out about NAMI and its many support programs have increased visibility within the local Pine Belt Affiliate where she serves as President. In addition, the message of mental health awareness is being shared by Mavis

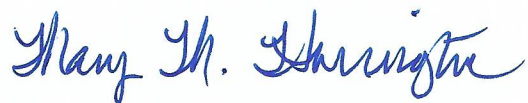
throughout Mississippi and nationally. Recently she participated in a series that was shared nationally, focused on mental health, and one of the main highlights was NAMI. She has built a strong local affiliate and has chaired the NAMI MS Conference Committee for the last two years.

Lastly, she is spearheading the establishment of an affiliate in north Mississippi in an area that has a high risk population and underserved communities. The goal is to partner with a major university in the area and she has already begun recruitment. Mavis strives to carry the message of NAMI and has shared the importance of our mission with community members, leaders, and individuals living with mental illness.

For these reasons, the NAMI Mississippi Board supports the nomination of Mavis Creagh to serve families and individuals affected by mental illness as a member of the 2023-2024 NAMI Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mary M. Harrington
NAMI MS Board President

Attachment: Official NAMI MS Board Approval of Mavis Creagh's Nomination