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**Date:** May 17, 2021

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Leah Feldon, Deputy Director

**Subject:** Item G: Employee recognition  
May 20, 2021, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** DEQ and the commission will have an opportunity to recognize DEQ employees nominated by their colleagues as Ambassadors for Public Service.

**Background** Every year, DEQ joins with other agencies across the national to celebrate [Public Service Recognition Week](#). Since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week is celebrated the first week of May to honor the people who serve our nation as federal, tribal, state, county, and local government employees.

Each year, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services requests nominations of employees that their agencies consider Ambassadors of Public Service. In 2020, DAS chose “resiliency” as the theme for Public Service Recognition Week, and DEQ is proud to honor the employees, listed below, who were recognized by their colleagues as exemplary for their resiliency and as true ambassadors of the spirit of public service.

- Dana Bailey
- Peter Brewer
- Peggy Ivy
- Lia Boyarshinova
- Martina Frey
- Mitch Frister
- Patty Hahn
- Alex Liverman
- Kaley Major
- Rachel Sakata
- Justin Sterger
- Rebecca Wells-Albers
- Leela Yellesetty

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