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Dear Notary Public:

I am proud to announce an important new partnership with the National Notary Association (NNA) that will bring exciting new opportunities to all Minnesota Notaries Public. Through this collaboration, the NNA will be offering Minnesota-specific online training, as well as three "Survival Skills for Notaries" seminars in October.

As a Notary, you hold a critical public office assuring all users of notarized documents that signers are authentic, aware and signing freely. Commerce is facilitated when third parties trust your seal. This trust is maintained by consistently following prudent screening steps and staying abreast of trends.

Your role as a Notary is even more critical, with recent increases in ID theft, illegal immigration, mortgage fraud, terrorism and electronic notarization. Our fellow citizens are counting on us to maintain high professional competence. We want to help you do that.

These educational resources — both live and online — will also give you concrete guidance on how to handle the most challenging notarial situations. The fundamental practices you will take away from these courses will give you the knowledge to perform your duties with confidence. The review of the intricate details of Minnesota Notary law will give you the information you need to become a better prepared and professional Notary.

The online course will be launched on October 18, in conjunction with the first of three "Survival Skills for Notaries" seminars. Please visit my Web site, www.sos.state.mn.us, for more details on the online course. Please see the enclosed brochure for additional information, including registration details, on the upcoming "Survival Skills" Notary Symposiums.

It is an honor to oversee Minnesota's Notaries Public and a pleasure to bring you these important educational opportunities as you continue to sharpen your Notary skills. My administration is dedicated to strengthening the Minnesota Notary Public office by giving you the resources you need to more effectively protect the public you so capably serve.

Your commitment to the Notary Public office is to be commended.

Sincerely,

Mary Kiffmeyer
Secretary of State