## “Bowl of Hygeia”

**Award Presentation**

New Mexico

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, it is an honor for me to be here today at the NMPhA 2018 Mid-Winter Meeting to present the next award to a very deserving recipient.

Optional: The “Bowl of Hygeia” is the most widely recognized international symbol of pharmacy and derives from Greek mythology. Hygeia was the daughter and assistant of Es-Kah-Lay-Pi-Ous, the God of Medicine and Healing. Her classical symbol was a bowl containing a medicinal potion, with the serpent of wisdom (or guardianship) partaking of it. This is the same serpent of wisdom that appears on the caduceus, which is the symbol of medicine.

The “Bowl of Hygeia” Award is presented annually by participating pharmacy associations in each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The recipients are selected by their respective associations for their outstanding record of community service. The Bowl of Hygeia award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations.

**To honor all those who have gone before, I would like to ask all previous recipients of the “Bowl of Hygeia” Award who are present this afternoon to stand and be recognized.**

(Pause for Applause)

**This year’s Bowl of Hygeia winner will receive a plaque honoring him for winning this award. The recipient will also receive a lapel pin that will identify him as a member of a group of outstanding pharmacists, now numbering over 2,500. These pharmacists have distinguished themselves through their actions. Today we honor a Lovington, NM, pharmacist in recognition of his service to the community and to the profession.**

The 2018 Bowl of Hygeia recipient…

provides immunizations and consultant services for mental health and substance abuse, as well as consulting for the Lovington Fire Department. In 2000, he began looking for a solution to bring badly needed prescription services to the southeastern part of the state. He opened the first telepharmacy in May 2014 in Eunice, New Mexico. Judging from the average 160+ prescriptions that flow through the technology-enabled satellite pharmacy each day, the telepharmacy concept is working! The recipient indicates, "We went into a community where people were hungry for a community pharmacy. People are so appreciative of us." The recipient has pharmacies in Lovington, Eunice, and Hobbs.

He also serves his community through current/past participation in a number of organizations, including the New Mexico Junior College Foundation, Lovington Chamber of Commerce, Lovington Economic Development Corporation, and Lovington MainStreet. He is the board chair for the First Christian Church - Lovington and is a member, volunteer, and speaker for Gideon International.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to share in recognizing the accomplishments of a deserving recipient and one who epitomizes the principles of community service for which this award was**

**developed. Please welcome to the podium and join me in congratulating the newest member of New Mexico Pharmacists Association’s Bowl of Hygeia Award Recipient “family”, Michael Raburn.**