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Region V's Lynne Himmelreich Named to the ACNM Fellowship

SILVER SPRING, MD—Lynne Himmelreich, CNM, MPH of Oxford, Iowa was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) at the ACNM 55th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC this June.

Himmelreich has been a natural leader in ACNM since she became a member in 1993. Her commitment to the midwifery profession is demonstrated by her commitment to clinical practice and her dedication to political activism, ensuring that midwives' interests are heard by their national and state elected officials. Himmelreich cares for patients as the service director of the University of Iowa Women's Health Nurse-Midwifery Service, and is on call every third night. Still, over the course of the past 17 years, she volunteered her time with various ACNM and state-based initiatives. She is the founding board president of ACNM–Midwives Political Action Committee (PAC) as well as a former Region V representative to the ACNM Board of Directors. Today, she serves as chair of the ACNM State Affiliate Development and Support Subcommittee; member of the ACNM Bylaws Committee; Iowa Nurses' Association Public Policy Committee; and the Iowa Board of Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Committee. Himmelreich also played an integral role in recruiting and retaining military midwives to ACNM, and served as a board liaison for them.

Himmelreich received her nursing diploma from the St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing and earned her master's in public health and midwifery education at Boston University.

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside the midwifery profession. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and newborns within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. Midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations.

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