Collin County
Going the **E**xtra **M**ile (**GEM**) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Koulhat Hardin

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Juvenile Probation Officer

Department: Collion County Juvenile Probation

Years of Service with the County: 1.5 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Mrs. Hardin went the Extra Mile with one of her female probationers who had ran away on April 25, 2025. Mrs. Hardin didn't believed that this was more to the case than just it being a "runaway" since she had just met with the juvenile 3 days prior and the juvenile seemed motivated to improve by beginning Deferred Prosecution Supervision and complete High School. When the juvenile's father reported the juvenile missing to the Princeton Police Department, Mrs. Hardin didn't just issue a DTA and sit back. Due to the juvenile's previous trafficking history and the father not being supportive, she spoke with the Probation Department's counselors for advice plus researched ways to help find missing juveniles. Mrs. Hardin contacted 4theONE foundation and submitted a request for them to contact her. She spoke with a private investigator and provided the parents information to initiate a search. This developed into a very complex case involving 14 different cities, Homeland Security, and the eventual arrest of 3 adults in Miami-Dade County Florida where the juvenile was being sexually exploited. Mrs. Hardin coordinated the juvenile's return from the State of Florida vie Interstate Compact and the Probation Department's Transport Unit. She additionally coordinated a zoom meeting with the Office of the State Attorney in Miami, Florida that is in charge of prosecuting human trafficking cases, juvenile's Guardian Ad Lidem attorney and the juvenile. Mrs. Hardin has arranged for the juvenile to reside with her mother in Nebraska and she is flying there on July 2, 2025.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 1st day of July ,20 25

Mike Combest

Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Mike Combest

Printed Name