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Greetings:

**It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the Circles USA National Leadership Conference in Orange County, Florida!**

Circles USA has been working towards ending poverty for the past 25 years. The theme for this year's event, "Deepening and Expanding Circles," is more relevant than ever before. I applaud the organizers for providing a platform for attendees to engage in thought-provoking conversations and deepen their understanding of building a community that works for everyone. I want to express my gratitude to Circles USA and our local chapters for creating a forum where members can share and promote innovative ideas for education and learning through empathy and compassion.

Orange County Government strives to serve all residents and guests with integrity, honesty, fairness, and professionalism. Our residents proudly represent a broad diaspora of cultures, which makes us stronger as a society. We take pride in building a vibrant community where all individuals and organizations are treated with dignity and respect.

Please be assured our community uplifts diversity and embraces inclusion. Hate is never welcome here. Orange County is a caring, compassionate, and welcoming community open to learning and connecting with others. On behalf of the more than 1.5 million residents who call Orange County home, we value your decision to select our community as your conference destination.

Once again, welcome, and I wish you all the best for a successful conference!

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Demings  
Orange County Mayor