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Dear Truman Community:

It is with very mixed emotions I share with you that I informed the Board of Governors of my intention to retire on July 31, 2027. Truman State University is an extraordinary institution with a proven legacy of transforming students' lives, producing exceptional outcomes, and cultivating generations of remarkable alumni. I did not come to this decision easily. When I retire, I will have served as the president of Truman for 11 years (almost double the average tenure for a public university president). During this time, I have fully dedicated myself to the presidency, often not seeing my family for months at a time. The time has come for me to make an impact in other ways in the next phase of my life's journey.

I care very deeply about Truman, our mission, and our people. That is why I am providing a year's notice for the Board of Governors to have ample time to successfully find the next president. I appreciate the Board giving me the opportunity to share my retirement intentions with you myself. Chair of the Board of Governors, Governor Bill Lovegreen, will provide information about the search process soon.

It is an honor of a lifetime to serve as the president of Truman. We have accomplished so much together over the past 10 years, never letting a challenge stand in our way. Please know the words "thank you" cannot adequately express my profound gratitude and appreciation for you, our remarkable achievements, and what we will achieve this upcoming year. I remain fully committed to our work.

The Truman community is bright, talented, collaborative, and engaged, and our faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends, and supporters are second to none. It is a privilege to be a member of our impressive and inspiring community. Here's to a spectacular year!

With very best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sue', written over a light blue horizontal line.