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Special Olympics Michigan (SOMI) prides itself on being an inclusive organization that utilizes sports, education, health and leadership initiatives to help eliminate discrimination towards individuals with intellectual disabilities. While so many around the State of Michigan are familiar with our first-class state games events, SOMI is truly an everyday, everywhere organization working to empower all of our athletes to lead the inclusion revolution.

As President and CEO of Special Olympics Michigan, it is my pleasure to support the upcoming documentary film *What's your Super Power?* as the film works to eliminate stigmas towards individual with intellectual disabilities - and more specifically, those with Down syndrome.

While many of the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Michigan's 24 sports may have Down syndrome, being born with a genetic disorder does not define who they are. Instead, they are using the transformative power of sport to not only change their lives but those who come in contact with them along the road as well.

Determination, joy, excitement, leadership, passion: these are the words that help define our athletes.

While there is so much divide in today's communities, Special Olympics and our athletes are the answer for showing the power of community and inclusion. As such, we're honored to help give our athletes the platform to share that message through *What's your Super Power?*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim J. Hileman".

Tim Hileman
President and CEO
Special Olympics Michigan