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Good Morning and Congratulations. This conference is a celebration of 10 years of Public Health Genomics research and practice at CDC. This is really a significant milestone and I wish I could be there in person to celebrate with you. I was here in 2003 when we celebrated the 5th anniversary and began to examine how the completion of the Human Genome Project would effect the future of public health. As I think you'll see today, so many things have happened in the last 5 years.

I particularly congratulate the National Office of Public Health Genomics and CDC for the tremendous accomplishments over the last 10 years to really begin to integrate genomics into everything we do here, our programs and activities, and other research agendas but also to inform our priorities and our health protection goals.

The landscape of health in this country is changing dramatically, and genomics is one of the most critical areas in science and health that promises to have a profound impact on public health practice of the future. So this conference is really your opportunity to celebrate achievements, to share knowledge, and I think very importantly to discuss emerging issues that we'll be facing in the future.

It's critical that we continue to learn together how best to translate this important science into true health benefits for all people. I wish you the best for this conference as you work together to map the future of genomics and ensuring healthy people in a healthy world.

Thank you.