



ASHVIN K. PARIKH

ALABAMA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2010 INDUCTEE

AIPHA means a great deal to Ashvin, who has unselfishly served the association in many capacities. He is a strong, hardworking, principled, and caring man who leads by example. When Ashvin served as AIPHA president, he made every effort to economize while still offering a meaningful educational conference for the membership.

Ashvin makes you feel appreciated for your contributions by letting you know how your contributions help others. That is such an important link in the long chain of our actions on behalf of the public's health, and he should be recognized for it.

So much goes into the coordination of such a statewide effort as AIPHA, and he does all his work on AIPHA's behalf with such clear enthusiasm that it's instant positive publicity for the group. The AIPHA Hall of Fame wouldn't be historically correct without Ashvin Parikh listed among its honorees.

Mr. Parikh has struggled for many years in assuring that sorely needed public health care would be available in several of our most vulnerable, but economically important, rural counties. These counties are among the poorest in the nation and have experienced great challenges in securing the services of health care professionals. Assuring the availability of adequate and quality public health care is of special and vital importance in these areas.

Ashvin has been an active member of Selma civic organizations and always goes above and beyond to serve those in need throughout the region. Additionally, he has served the Agency well in helping build new programs and ensuring opportunities for community growth. Ashvin's service in the Alabama Public Health Association is no different. That role has expanded throughout the years. Going back many years, he was very helpful in local arrangements for the 1993 meeting at Orange Beach and continued to grow in service through holding many offices, including the Presidency. With Ashvin the word "impossible" doesn't exist. He just needs to know there is something to be solved and he finds a way to solve it.