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Message from the Prime Minister

The life of every Canadian has been touched by a nurse in some way, at some time. As the largest health professional group in our country, nurses are crucial to keeping Canadians healthy. I am proud to honour Canada's nurses during National Nursing Week.

This year's theme, "Nurses: With you every step of the way," reflects the significant role nurses play in every stage of our lives. This fact is increasingly apparent with our growing senior population, who not only count on nurses for their expertise, but their compassion and care. Nurses are also essential advocates for healthy living, teaching patients of all ages how to prevent illness and injury.

The important contributions of nurses can be found in hospitals, community centres, patients' homes, research centres, universities and field hospitals in the developing world. I have been grateful for the leadership of dedicated nurses in realizing Canada's Maternal, Newborn and Child Health initiative, which is saving the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable mothers and children.

I invite all Canadians to join me in celebrating and thanking our nurses. These dedicated professionals have a tremendously positive impact on the health and wellbeing of millions of Canadians every day.

Sincerely,

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C, M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*