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### Nursing professionals recognize National Nursing Week from May 11-17

**St. John's, NL – May 11, 2015** – The Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL) and the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CLPNNL) join their counterparts across Canada from May 11-17 in recognizing National Nursing Week (NNW) and its theme, *“Nurses: With you every step of the way.”*

Regina Coady, ARNNL President, said that NNW provides an opportunity to recognize the valuable contributions that registered nurses (RNs) and nurse practitioners (NPs) make throughout the province.

“As vital members of our health care system, registered nurses and nurse practitioners advocate for solutions that improve access to health services, and advance health promotion and illness prevention for individuals, families and communities,” said Coady. Coady, along with ARNNL Executive Director Lynn Power, believes it is imperative that RNs and NPs continue to highlight the value they bring to the health care system through the delivery of highly-skilled, safe, ethical and quality nursing care.

Paul Fisher, CLPNNL Executive Director/Registrar, said that NNW also presents an opportunity to acknowledge the valuable contribution that the province’s licensed practical nurses (LPNs) are making for the health of our population.

“NNW is an opportunity to celebrate you, the LPNs who provide excellence in nursing every day. Your commitment to making a difference for your clients is contributing to the advancement of quality health care in the province. We know that every single day, as individual LPNs, you make a difference in people’s lives. LPNs, as self-regulating professionals, are committed to providing safe, effective, compassionate and ethical care to members of the public,” said Fisher.

Across the province, nurses are at the forefront of effecting change in the delivery of quality health care. Throughout the week, nurses and employers will recognize and showcase RNs, NPs and LPNs. CLPNNL and ARNNL also encourage the public to become involved by acknowledging nurses for the positive impact they make to health care.

### ABOUT NATIONAL NURSING WEEK

In 1971, the International Council of Nurses designated May 12 – Florence Nightingale’s birthday – as International Nurses Day. In 1985, in recognition of the dedication and achievements of the nursing profession, the Canadian minister of health proclaimed the second week of May as National Nurses Week.

The name changed to National Nursing Week in 1993 to emphasize the profession’s accomplishments as a discipline. The purpose of National Nursing Week is to increase awareness among the public, policy-makers and governments of the many contributions nurses make to the well-being of Canadians.

## **ABOUT ARNNL**

ARNNL is the regulatory body and professional organization representing over 6,300 registered nurses and nurse practitioners in the province. In pursuit of its mission, 'Nursing Excellence for the Health of the Population,' ARNNL exists so there will be accountability for self-regulation, professionalism, quality professional practice environments, and healthy public policy.

## **ABOUT CLPNNL**

CLPNNL is the regulatory authority for the 2,300 licensed practical nurses in the province. CLPNNL's mission is protection of the public through the provision of efficient, ethical nursing care, regulation of licensed practical nursing practice, and licensure of practical nurses.

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