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## Today we join in recognition of National Nursing Week in Canada.

This year's theme, developed by the International Council of Nurses, is Nurses: A Voice to Lead — Nursing the World to Health. As we struggle to combat the global COVID-19 pandemic, this theme could not be more relevant. Across the healthcare community, nurses are stepping up amidst extraordinary circumstances to help those affected by COVID-19. The collective impact of nursing professionals around the world is enormous.

Nurses are at the forefront – along with their frontline colleagues, and are taking a leadership position to help us manage through this crisis.

True to their profession, they demonstrate great courage in the face of challenge, compassion with families and those in their care, and tremendous commitment to the health and wellness of our residents. I thank our nursing team for their collaboration with families, health partners and colleagues to provide quality, patient- centered care. Our nurses are working in an unprecedented time in healthcare, and I deeply appreciate their selfless efforts.

Now more than ever, I am grateful for the strength, knowledge and perseverance of our entire nursing team – and nurses everywhere. I extend my great appreciation for their dedication to the profession and for their tireless commitment to their life's work.

With gratitude,

Lois Cormack
President & CEO