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**Message from the Governor General on the occasion of
National Nursing Week and International Nurses Day 2023**

As we celebrate National Nursing Week, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the nearly 450 000 nurses who work in our health care system from coast to coast to coast.

The past few years have been extremely difficult for those who uphold this vital profession and who have been stretched and tested as never before. Despite the many challenges, increasing burnout and workforce shortages, the contributions of our nurses have shown how critical their discipline is to improving the overall health of our society.

During this week of celebration, I join with all those paying tribute to our nurses for their dedication, professionalism and tireless service to Canadians.

Thank you for being there for us and for looking after our well-being in our times of greatest need.

I wish you a wonderful week.

Mary Simon