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Dear Nursing colleagues and members,

National Nursing Week is upon us from May 11-17 2020, and CINA would like to extend gratitude and appreciation for the work that all of our nurses do. Nurses are being recognized for so many reasons this year - the WHO has designated this year as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honour of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday; and furthermore, NursingNow, in collaboration with the WHO and the International Council of Nurses is leading a global campaign to improve health by raising the profile and status of nursing and midwifery worldwide – all amidst a global pandemic. More than ever, nurses are taking care of our families, communities, countries, and the world. From bedside to boardroom, nurses in every role are proving that they put the care and wellbeing of others first, working in uncertain conditions under extreme stress. Many are working outside their comfort zones and rapidly adapting to changing circumstances day by day.

This week is a celebration of our Nursing profession as a part of the extended network of healthcare providers everywhere. We celebrate nurses in every position – frontline, bedside, managers, instructors, policy-makers, students, community, travel, and the countless other positions that nurses work in. Thank you for uplifting our healthcare system and our communities. Thank you for improving the lives of those you work with. While we can't celebrate in person this year, we encourage you to be creative in the ways you “thank” yourselves and your colleagues for your work.

Continue staying safe, take care of yourselves and each other, and again, thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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