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Happy National Nursing Week! This is a special week for all of us at NNPBC and one we look forward to all year. As the professional association with representation from all of BC's four nursing designations, we get to celebrate the exemplary work of all nurses in every corner of the province. To all the LPNs, NPs, RNs and RPNs, we see your commitment to your work and recognize the extraordinary circumstances in which you continue to practice.

On a personal note, I have had the privilege of working with nurses and nursing associations since 2011 and have watched and learned from nurses who have changed the system for the better, advocated for voice and space, and so much more. I have been awed and inspired by the driving passion for the profession that I see in each one of the nurses I have met and talked to over the years. My respect and admiration for the complexity of your work, the heavy emotional lifting you do and the foundational role you play in the health system is immense and not one that is adequately conveyed in words. I have been so honoured to get to inhabit space with BC's nursing professionals and I know that united and strong, nursing is unstoppable. In reflecting on the theme of Nursing Week this year: *Our Nurses. Our Future*, I say, without hyperbole, that I know that nurses do in fact represent the future of health care delivery.

From all of us at NNPBC, thank you BC nurses for all of the ways you make a difference.

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