



Celebrating National Nursing Week: May 10-16, 2021

The Canadian Nurses Association has chosen “*We Answer the Call*” as the theme for National Nursing Week 2021. As Chief Nursing Officer for the Northwest Territories, I commend all nurses for their work in fulfilling the many roles they play in the continuum of patient care.

Throughout my career, I have witnessed how; individually and collectively, nursing colleagues, mentors and leaders across health and social services systems, territorially, nationally and internationally, partner with patients and families on their health journey. I want to acknowledge and honor every nurse, in every position and practice setting, in every community in our territory, for all that you do. Whether we have met or have yet to meet, it is a privilege, to work with you.

This year, a year like no other, I am especially honored to be associated with the nurses of the Northwest Territories. The COVID-19 pandemic has layered over all the other unique challenges and circumstances of Northern Nursing and brought to light the commitment you bring to that work. You have answered the call, I THANK YOU for choosing nursing every single day!

Sincerely,

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