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Mr. Stan Marchuk
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BC Nurse Practitioners Association
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Dear Mr. Marchuk:

I am writing to extend personal greetings and convey my best wishes as you celebrate National Nursing Week, May 12-18, 2014.

The health professionals who provide care to British Columbians truly are the foundation of our health care system. National Nursing Week is a time to reflect, recognize and honour the hard work and dedication of so many highly skilled nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses and licensed practical nurses who make such a significant contribution to health and well-being of citizens of this province.

The theme for this year's National Nursing Week, "*Nurses: A Leading Force for Change*," also reflects the fundamental importance of nurses in terms of leading improvement and change in our health care system. As you know, nurses make up roughly one-third of the health care workforce in British Columbia, and their reach extends to every part of the health care continuum, from health promotion through to end of life care. Equally, the influence of nurses extends to the most senior levels of health care policy and administration in our province and in health care systems around the world.

I applaud the incredible role and achievements of nurses in all areas of policy and practice, and look forward to continue working with you and your members to find new ways to improve the health care system in our province.

Please convey my personal greetings and thanks to nurses in the BC Nurse Practitioners Association, and I wish you and all of them the very best during National Nursing Week.

Sincerely,

Steve Brown
Deputy Minister

pc: Ms. Lynn Stevenson, Associate Deputy Minister-Health Services
Mr. Ted Patterson, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Sector Workforce Division