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Dear Nursing colleagues and members,

We hope you are enjoying National Nursing Week! Today, we would like to extend a special “thank you” to our Indigenous nurses. We are extremely proud and know that our First Nations, Inuit, and Métis nurses are the backbone of healthcare delivery in many communities and we are grateful for your dedication and commitment to bettering the lives of those you work with. Given that this is the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, we at CINA would also like to recognize and express our gratitude to our midwifery colleagues as well – your work is integral to the continued health of our communities.

NursingNow Canada, in collaboration with the WHO and the International Council of Nurses is leading a Canadian global campaign to improve health by raising the profile and status of nursing and midwifery nationally – all amidst a global pandemic. CINA is the lead in the Indigenous Pillar component of this campaign while we continue to contribute to the other three pillars in the Canadian campaign. We recognize that many chapters, and communities have had to postpone their activities to celebrate our Nurses and Midwives, but we are looking forward to other platforms that will help us address these opportunities.

In an effort to recognize and celebrate you, CINA is launching a new initiative – “*Nominate a Nurse or Midwife*”. Starting this month, CINA is asking for nominations of wonderful Indigenous nurses or midwives making a difference in their community. We will choose a nominee every month for the remainder of 2020. Do you have someone in mind? If so, we’d like to know the following:

- What is the name of the nurse or midwife, and what is their contact information? (CINA would love to contact them to ask some questions and thank them for their work!)
- What makes them so great at their job?
- How has their work contributed positively to your community?

The only **nomination criteria** are that the nurse or midwife is Indigenous. Please send an E-mail us at info@indigenousnurses.ca with your nomination! We look forward to hearing from you.

Stay well,

Lea Bill, RN BScN
CINA President