



A SPECIAL NOTE TO THE HEART OF HEALTHCARE

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY - 12 MAY 2020

What an honour it is to celebrate this distinctive year (the year of the Nurse and the Midwife) on the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.

This year provides a special opportunity to highlight the vital role nurses play and the invaluable contribution to the health of people globally. Who could have imagined the critical importance of nurses in our society would be brought into focus so clearly by the COVID-19 pandemic? 2020's nursing theme 'A voice to lead - Nursing the world to health' could not have been more spot on as nurses around the world are working tirelessly to provide the care and attention patients need.

Although life as we know it may have changed, the core character and unique role of nurses have not. We believe that every year is the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, and this year is turning out to make a commanding statement no one could have foreseen.

We are proud of your courage, devotion to patients and the teamwork you bring to caring for patients and each other. Even during this time of social distancing, you are still providing the human connection, nursing the world to health, as patients navigate illness and pandemic fear. As you are on the frontline of getting us through this pandemic, we aim to shore up your resilience with our appreciation. More than ever, we salute you for your extraordinary skill, perseverance and compassion.

May our best wishes accompany you and your family during these uncertain times.

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