To our valued ONA/AURN Members,

We want to wish you a happy and healthy Nurses Week and thank you for all that you do. We know that these last couple of months have been very difficult and stressful. Nurses have shone bright and stepped up to the challenge. The designation of 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse” by the World Health Organization couldn’t be more appropriate and deserved. You are the heroes of our time and we want to celebrate and honor your commitment and service. Nurses have stepped up in ways that we never anticipated they would have to. You have met the challenges you’ve faced with courage, comfort and caring for each other and for our patients. Nurses have been pushed to their limits yet never stopped fighting for their patients and their profession. No matter how difficult it has been, you have stepped up and reaffirmed why you became nurses and what it means to be a nurse. It has been a challenge that you have met in ways that have been an inspiration to all of us.

“How very little can be done under the spirit of fear” May 12th, 2020 is the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Florence Nightingale and her quote says it all. Nurses in 2020, among other things have been fearless!

As we move forward it's important to take time to acknowledge our commitment to each other and to our profession. Never has the voices and the work of nurses and our nursing union been more important and needed. Please take time to celebrate yourselves and each other. Covid-19 has uprooted our lives and our profession but we will get through this because of your level of dedication, compassion and commitment to each other. After the dust has settled, we will join OHSU in the fall and celebrate when we can gather together. Please reach out and lean on your AURN nursing family, draw strength from each other and reaffirm our solidarity and support. We will rise together, we will get through this together and we will come out stronger.

With Sincere Gratitude and Solidarity

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