



Statement by Eileen Dooley, CEO, HealthPartners, for 2018 National Public Service Week

National Public Service Week was created in 1992 as an official way for the Government of Canada to recognize the value of the services rendered by federal public service employees and to acknowledge their tremendous contribution.

Professional, engaged, dedicated and committed — these are the hallmarks of

the thousands of federal public servants working in all parts of this great country of ours, to deliver a wide range of programs and services that support the work of the federal government and the needs of Canadians. Every day, we see positive examples of this professionalism, engagement, dedication and commitment.

Every Canadian, young and old, benefits from this exemplary service.

A measure of this service and commitment is the tremendous support that federal public servants from coast to coast to coast provide to HealthPartners during the annual Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign. HealthPartners represents 16 of Canada's most respected, well-known national health charities. Through this unique partnership, we connect federal public servants directly to the charities' programs and services that are delivered at the local level, in communities across the country — serving ordinary Canadians, just as federal public servants do.

Ever selfless, members of the federal public services have helped to raise \$156 million for HealthPartners. Your donations to our member health charities through HealthPartners have leveraged support for life-changing and ground-breaking research. This support has also connected Canadians to local programs, essential support services and resources — making life just a little bit better for the 87% of Canadians impacted by a major illness or chronic disease. When we think that 9 out of 10 Canadians are dealing with — or at some point in their lives will deal with — cancer, heart disease, dementia, crippling arthritis, diabetes, Parkinson's, and so on, it's not too hard to imagine the impact of that GCWCC support.

Every day, every one of us is touched by this impact. If we ourselves are fortunate to be free from disease or illness, we all know someone who is not so fortunate — a loved one, a friend, a work colleague, a neighbour.

Today, HealthPartners is both pleased to acknowledge the valuable contributions that public servants make to Canadian society, and proud to call them our 'partners' in helping Canadians live healthier lives.