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To the Ontario Association of Social Workers:

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I want to recognize the valuable work of social workers across the province during National Social Work Week.

This year's theme is Poverty: There are Solutions – Social Workers Making a Difference. It highlights the critical need for workable solutions to the challenges of poverty. These are goals shared by our government, and we look forward to continuing to work with social workers to find the answers to those challenges.

National Social Work Week honours the critical role social workers play in helping individuals, families, groups and communities combat poverty. In fact, little could be accomplished without the dedication and the commitment of the thousands of Ontario social workers.

Please accept my appreciation for your work as I join you in celebrating National Social Work Week. Working together, we can continue to make a real difference in the lives of Ontarians.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

Madeleine Meilleur  
Minister