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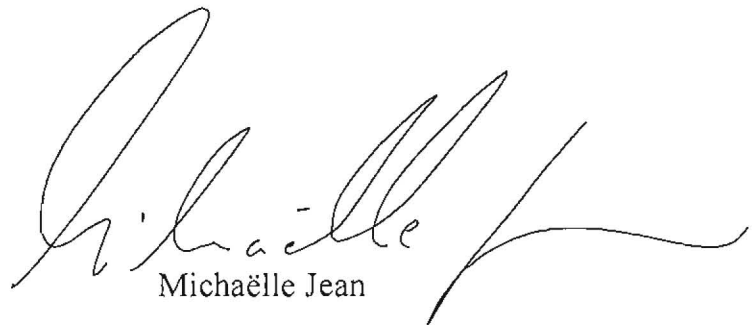
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It gives me great pleasure to honour all the members of the Canadian Association of Social Workers as they celebrate National Social Work Month.

The world would not be the same without you: it would be less human. Diana Fowler LeBlanc, the wife of the late Governor General Roméo LeBlanc, who herself practiced this demanding profession, once said that social workers commit themselves to challenge, to intervene and to be agents of change. I would add that through your concrete actions, you help fight social inequalities, isolation and injustice. You also work hard to make the public aware of the challenges facing our most vulnerable citizens.

You show great civic responsibility with your commitment and you are sources of inspiration to young people who also want to help create a better future for us all. In Canada and around the world, you provide assistance and comfort, without any judgment and with infinite patience.

Let us celebrate your accomplishments and your generosity, because every action of goodwill performed on behalf of the lives you touch deserves to be recognized.



Michaëlle Jean

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