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Vancouver, BC (Wednesday, March 9 2011) – The Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO/ACIO) is pleased to announce that this year's National Oncology Nursing Day has received official proclamations in eighteen jurisdictions from coast to coast.

On Tuesday, April 5th 2011, Oncology nurses across Canada will be celebrating the 8th Annual National Oncology Nursing Day. With a theme of "Celebrate our Voice", events will be held to educate the public about oncology nursing, and celebrate the important work of oncology nurses across the country.

In addition to Provincial Proclamations in British Columbia, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island, the following municipalities have also made official proclamations for April 5th, 2011:

- Vancouver, BC
- Kelowna, BC
- Richmond, BC
- Port Coquitlam, BC
- Prince George, BC
- Edmonton, AB
- Prince Albert, SK
- Regina, SK
- Barrie, ON
- Burlington, ON
- Cornwall, ON
- Dryden, ON
- Toronto, ON
- Ottawa, ON
- Gatineau, QC
- Halifax, NS

In recognition of the tremendous role Canada's oncology nurses play in the care and treatment of cancer patients everywhere, municipalities and provinces have identified the following as the basis for the provision of official proclamations:


- Oncology nurses are committed to providing quality oncology care;
- Oncology nurses have demonstrated excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration, and education in the field of oncology nursing;
- Oncology nurses endeavour to educate the public in the prevention and treatment of cancer.

"Our association is both honoured and humbled by the level of recognition that our members are receiving with this, our 8th installment of Oncology Nursing Day," says Jennifer Wiernikowski, President of CANO/ACIO. "We believe that all nurses are leaders, and that oncology nursing is an integral component of the health care services Canadians deserve. And while it is indeed satisfying that governments at all levels are taking note of our members, it is our hope that this recognition signifies an underlying understanding that a key equation to a world-class health care system is the availability of nurses who specialize in delivering safe and effective oncology treatment and care programs."

For further information on CANO/ACIO, and details concerning Oncology Nursing Day 2011, please visit http://www.cano-acio.ca/onc_nursing_day_day_1

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Established in 1984, CANO/ACIO is the national organization that supports Canadian nurses to promote and develop excellence in oncology nursing practice, education, research and leadership. CANO/ACIO's purpose is to promote prevention of cancer, to provide optimal care of individuals living with cancer, and to provide support for the nurses caring for them. CANO/ACIO represents about 1,000 nurses across Canada. Its members are nurses working in administration, universities, and research institutions, as well as acute and critical care inpatient units, outpatient clinics, palliative care and hospice.

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