

July 8, 2021

The Right Honourable Mary Simon, CC, CMM, COM, CD, OC, OQ
Governor General of Canada
Rideau Hall
1 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A1

Dear Ms. Simon,

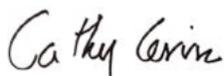
On behalf of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), I am delighted to congratulate you on being named Canada's first Indigenous Governor General, building on your career dedicated to leadership and service.

On behalf of our organization, the voice of family medicine in Canada representing more than 40,000 members, I wish you well in your new role as you work with all Canadians towards reconciliation and healing.

The CFPC recognizes the pervasive nature of systemic racism within Canada's institutions and is working to address its effects on the health and well-being of those who are affected. We have undertaken initiatives to provide guidance on [addressing systemic racism](#), as well as advancing culturally safe health care through [family medicine education and training](#).

Together we can make progress towards a more inclusive, just, and equitable society.

Yours truly,



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