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Statement from the Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team on World Health Day

Every year since 1950, the World Health Organisation decided that World Health Day was to be celebrated every year on April 7th with a different theme. Each theme reflects a priority area of current concern to WHO. World Health Day is a worldwide opportunity to focus on key public health issues.

The theme for World Health Day 2024 is 'My health, my right'. This year's theme was chosen to champion the right of everyone, everywhere to have access to quality health services, education, and information, as well as safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working and environmental conditions, and freedom from discrimination.

We recognize that although we have the right to health in Canada, many Canadians and residents of the Nipissing District have difficulties accessing services such as a family doctor or nurse practitioner. We also recognize that some of our community members need to travel out of our district to obtain specialized care.

The Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team was created promote connection between community members and care providers in our Nipissing district. Our primary goal is to improve patient outcomes by bringing services together and help people easily navigate the local health care system.

Our 30+ members of the Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team continue to work towards a unified caring health and social services, centered around patients, families, and caregivers.

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