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To the volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue:

On behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. The time, energy, skills and resources you put into your volunteer role are critical to saving lives on the water. Whether you are a first responder during incidents of marine distress or are working tirelessly to foster positive relationships within your community, you are integral to supporting Canada's maritime search and rescue efforts.

From coast to coast to coast, your actions, no matter where you are located, create a ripple effect from community, to city, to country. This year's National Volunteer Week theme is: "It's time to applaud this country's volunteers", in recognition of all that you selflessly give without asking for anything in return.

Saving lives inherently involves an amount of personal sacrifice, and often risk. This is true now more than ever as our global community faces the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. While much of the world has slowed down, as frontline workers, the work you do is as important as ever, while the risk you take on is that much greater. The enormity of what you give, now and always, is recognized and appreciated. I, along with the rest of the Coast Guard, thank you enormously.

Congratulations on another year well done. Your dedication, skills, and perseverance are inspirational not only to the Coast Guard community, but to the Canadians you serve.

Sincerely,

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