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SUBJECT: Cancer Registrars: Hidden Jewels of Cancer Care  
National Cancer Registrars Week, April 9-13, 2018

I am delighted to salute the members of the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) as we celebrate National Cancer Registrars Week. This year's theme is aptly titled, "Hidden Jewels of Cancer Care," as cancer registrars are the unsung heroes of the cancer continuum. Cancer registrars work behind the scenes in hospitals, central registries, and government agencies, collecting high-quality patient-level cancer data that drive public health efforts by increasing our knowledge about cancer. It's the work of dedicated cancer registrars like yourselves, that inform cancer research, cancer prevention, the development of new treatment options, and cure.

The data cancer registrars collect has continued to advanced cancer surveillance, and is a contributing factor to the NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program being a primary source of cancer statistics in the United States. As we anticipate significant changes to how cancer data is collected, through the implementation of the 2018 Solid Tumor Rules, ICD-O-3 Updates, EOD 2018, Summary Stage 2018, and Site-Specific Data Items (SSDIs), the expertise of our registrars is a crucial component to the success of these efforts.

During National Cancer Registrars Week, I would like to express my gratitude for your work to further the SEER Program, cancer surveillance, and ultimately cancer care. Please accept my appreciation and support of NCRA and its members.

Sincerely,



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