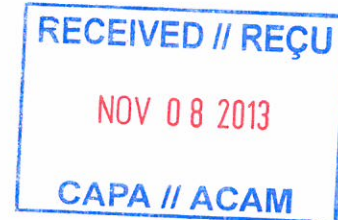




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Dear Mr. Ralph:

Premier Brad Wall has forwarded to me your letter of September 18, 2013, requesting that November 27, 2013 be proclaimed as "National Physician Assistant Day" in the province of Saskatchewan.

I appreciate receiving your request; however, physician assistants are not a regulated profession in Saskatchewan. As such, we must respectfully decline designating National Physician Assistant Day in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan has increased the number of primary health care teams in the province. These teams are comprised of a variety of regulated professions, such as registered nurse practitioners, pharmacists, diabetes nurse educators and RN case managers. All these professions work to their full scope of practice while sharing medical functions with physicians. This allows for a collaborative approach to health care delivery.

I extend my best wishes to you in raising awareness of physician assistants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dustin Duncan".

Dustin Duncan  
Minister of Health

cc: Premier Brad Wall (7476/2013)