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Dear Members, Friends and Colleagues,

Just a little note to say, "Thank You" with this single red carnation that symbolizes "National Doctors' Day" on March 30 of every year. I wish we could have done this in person. As you know currently it is not possible, due to Covid-19 restrictions. But I am optimistic that day is not too far off when we can celebrate together in person. As always and especially now, each one of you deserve a great big standing ovation and an expression of gratitude from a grateful nation and all the patients and their families whom you have comforted and saved, during this unprecedented time in our nation's history.



On behalf of the Medical Society of The County of Kings, I want to convey our heartfelt thanks and show our appreciation to all of you. There can never ever be a tangible remuneration to adequately compensate you, for your dedication and the sacrifices you made fulfilling your calling to serve humanity. Amidst all your hard work, you have experienced stress, anxiety, loneliness, and burnout, not to mention that you have put yours and your loved one's lives on the line every day. We cannot thank you enough for that. Good times are ahead. Please celebrate a Happy Doctors' Day with your family.

A little bit of history to help the unfamiliar. Doctors' Day first started on March 30th, 1933 and has been celebrated every year ever since. Eudora Brown Almond, the wife of a doctor in Winder, Georgia, believed that her husband and his colleagues deserved better recognition for their hard work and set out to make it a reality. Along with other wives, she celebrated the first Doctors' Day, 91 years after the first anniversary of Dr. Crawford Williamson Long's remarkable discovery and use of Diethyl Ether as a general anesthetic on March 30, 1842 to remove a mass from his patient's neck. On October 30, 1990, George W. Bush signed the declaration of "National Doctors' Day" with approval from both Houses of the Congress. Crawford W. Long memorial Hospital later got incorporated into Emory University Hospital.



Sincere regards,
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