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Canadian Association of Midwives  
Association canadienne des sages-femmes

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Dear colleague,

The Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) invites you and your colleagues to join us on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to celebrate the International Day of the Midwife. This year we will be participating in the International Confederation of Midwives' (ICM) *Road to Durban* Campaign for Safe Motherhood. Midwives, mothers and supporters around the world are walking five kilometers in their villages, towns and cities to raise awareness and to build commitment to tackling global inequalities in maternal and newborn health and to highlight local issues in midwifery service provision. In Canada, walks are taking place across the country, from British Columbia to Prince Edward Island.

We invite you to walk with Canadian midwives and supporters on our National Capital walk in Ottawa on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The walk will begin at the Women's Memorial in Minto Park at 9:00am, located at the corner of Elgin and Gilmour Streets. The walk will culminate on Parliament Hill, where we will gather from 10:30am to 12:00pm between the Centennial flame and the steps at the north end of the center walkway for speeches and entertainment.

Over 350 000 women die each year, with millions more suffering infection and disability as a result of childbirth. We will be walking to urge the Canadian government to fulfill their commitment to meeting Millennium Development Goal #5 (improve maternal health) and Millennium Development Goal #4 (reduce child mortality) by improving access to essential midwifery care worldwide. Please show your support by joining us in our walk.

Please confirm your presence with Eby Heller, [eheller@canadianmidwives.org](mailto:eheller@canadianmidwives.org) or 514-807-3668.

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