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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,

Prime Minister of Canada

Office of the Prime Minister

80 Wellington St.

Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Mr. Trudeau,

Issue: Concern for the health and well-being of future generations of Canadian citizens

The cofounders of our organization, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless and Erland and Janet Lee, were pioneers in the education of rural women. Since 1897, one of our main focuses has been on the education and well-being of all women and their families where women work together for safe, healthy communities and pursue an enriched and balanced lifestyle.

On June 12, 2017, the members of Codrington Women's Institute, a branch of The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, submitted a resolution *that the Government of Canada assist Provincial and Territorial Governments across Canada to develop and put in place a **mandatory** lifestyle program which will teach all Canadian Secondary School Students Food Literacy, Cooking Skills, Human Nutrition and other wellness practices which will contribute to a healthy modern Canadian society.*

As the Federal Government is in the process of developing a Canadian Food Strategy, this resolution which was written out of concern for the health and well-being of future generations of Canadian citizens, be considered in the development of a National Strategy.

FWIO is advocating the institution of an inclusive Canadian school program which will:

1. Help **every** person in Canada to know good human nutrition basics.
2. Teach **every** person to cook healthy and less expensive meals.
3. Encourage each individual to develop a life health plan involving their personal strategy to maintain their health.



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The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO), a member of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC), support the resolution of the Codrington WI and ask that the Government of Canada assist Provincial and Territorial Governments across Canada to develop and put in place a mandatory lifestyle program which will *teach all Canadian Secondary School Students Food Literacy, Cooking Skills, Human Nutrition and other wellness practices* which will contribute to a healthy modern Canadian society.

Attached, please find a copy of the Codrington WI Resolution and supporting information.

We look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Yours for Home & Country,

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Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

(Mrs.) Hania White, Advocacy Coordinator

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Cc: Hon. Jean- Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children & Social Development

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food

Hon. Jane Philpott, Minister of Health

Mrs. Linda Hoy, President – Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

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