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STATEMENT

Donna Duncan, CEO of the Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA), released the following statement related to the Ontario Government's commitment to an average of four hours of direct care per day for long-term care residents:

The Ontario Long Term Care Association, representing 70% of the province's long-term care homes who care for 70,000 residents annually, commends the Government of Ontario's visionary and transformational commitment to an average of four hours of direct care for long-term care residents.

Thank you, Premier Ford, Minister Phillips and Minister Fullerton, for your leadership. Today's announcement means Ontario's seniors will receive the additional care they need and deserve, especially important as our resident population grows and their needs continue to increase in complexity.

It will take all of us to make this a reality, and we look forward to working with the government to create a workforce with thousands more skilled health care workers to join long-term care homes to serve our seniors.

We continue to collaborate with our health system and labour partners to cooperatively find our way through the staffing crisis. It will take creative solutions, and new thinking, centered on residents and their needs to get this done.

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