Dear Colleagues,

Tomorrow, April 25th, is Portugal Freedom Day. Please join me in acknowledging this holiday and recognizing all of our colleagues who were born in Portugal or are of Portuguese descent. Freedom Day is a national holiday in Portugal, commemorating the emergence of a democratic state with civil liberties and freedoms achieved after the 25 April 1974 uprising and Portugal’s first free elections on that date the following year.

At Southcoast Health, our Portuguese workforce and patient population are integral and very important to our success and service to the community. On behalf of Southcoast leadership, thank you to all of our Portuguese colleagues who contribute so much to our organization. The Diversity & Inclusion Council had planned some events to recognize this day; however, the events had to be postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to resuming our recognition efforts whenever possible.