

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2017

To recognize and honor the importance of the social work profession, and to declare March 2017 as “National Social Work Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, social workers across the United States work as advocates, advisors, counselors, and facilitators in schools, clinics, businesses, and government offices to enhance well-being and meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society;

WHEREAS, social workers serve, advocate for, and empower millions of Americans each day;

WHEREAS, social work is one of the fastest-growing careers in the United States, with almost 650,000 members working in all areas of our society, including government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military, and mental health and health care facilities;

WHEREAS, social workers have strived to secure equal rights for all, including women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ, and other ethnic, cultural, and religious groups;

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, social workers have worked to ensure personal well-being, prevent crises and counsel individuals, families, and communities, ensuring people get the help they need from the best resources available;

WHEREAS, social workers care for people in every stage of life, from children to elderly, helping them overcome life’s most difficult challenges and the troubles of everyday living;

WHEREAS, since 1963, the National Association of Social Workers has organized the National Professional Social Work month as a way to encourage public support for the profession;

WHEREAS, the social work profession remains committed to enhancing human well-being and helping to meet the basic human needs of all people, especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia have benefited from the meaningful efforts of the social work profession.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “National Social Work Month Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares the month of March 2017 as “National Social Work Month” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.