
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 797 Session of
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APRIL 28, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 28, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 2014 as "Professional Social Work Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The primary mission of social workers is to help
4 people who need assistance with social issues; and

5 WHEREAS, Social workers have the education and experience to
6 guide individuals, families and communities through complex
7 issues and choices; and

8 WHEREAS, Social workers hold bachelor's, master's or doctoral
9 social work degrees and have attained a minimum number of hours
10 in supervised fieldwork to become licensed social workers; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 600,000 people in the United States hold
12 social work degrees; and

13 WHEREAS, Social workers connect individuals, families and

1 communities to available resources; and

2 WHEREAS, Social workers can be found in hospitals, police
3 departments, mental health clinics, child welfare agencies,
4 military facilities, adoption agencies, drug and alcohol
5 treatment facilities, schools and corporations; and

6 WHEREAS, Professional social workers are the nation's largest
7 provider of mental health services; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs
9 employs more than 8,000 social workers to assist veterans and
10 their families with individual and family counseling, client
11 education, end-of-life planning, substance abuse treatment,
12 crisis intervention and other services; and

13 WHEREAS, Social workers are dedicated to improving the
14 society in which we live; and

15 WHEREAS, Social workers are positive and compassionate
16 professionals; and

17 WHEREAS, Social workers endeavor to make sure everyone has
18 access to the same basic rights, protections and opportunities;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Social workers help people help themselves, whenever
21 and wherever they need it most; and

22 WHEREAS, Social workers are often the driving force behind
23 important social movements in the United States and abroad; and

24 WHEREAS, According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the
25 need for social workers is expected to grow faster than the
26 average for all occupations through 2018, especially in
27 gerontology, home health care, substance abuse, private social
28 service agencies and school social work; and

29 WHEREAS, As the need for social work services increases,
30 there will not be enough social workers to meet the needs of

1 their clients; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
3 2014 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania and
4 call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of
5 Social Workers, Pennsylvania Chapter, to celebrate and support
6 social workers and the social work profession.