
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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HOWARD, BOROWSKI, MALAGARI, BOYD, NEILSON, DALEY, KHAN AND
GREEN, JANUARY 31, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
JANUARY 31, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2024 as "National Social Work
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For decades, the social work profession has been
4 dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic
5 needs of all individuals, especially the most vulnerable; and

6 WHEREAS, The services provided by the social work profession
7 are needed more than ever as our nation addresses economic
8 inequality, systemic racism, the need for improved physical and
9 mental health care, COVID-19 and other significant societal and
10 health issues; and

11 WHEREAS, People become social workers because they have a
12 strong desire to help others and make our society a better place
13 to live for all; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, social
15 work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United
16 States; and

1 WHEREAS, Social workers have always been present in times of
2 crisis, helping individuals overcome issues such as death and
3 grief and helping individuals and communities recover from
4 natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes; and

5 WHEREAS, Social workers have helped the United States uphold
6 its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all
7 individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, There are more than 720,000 professional social
9 workers in our nation, but that number is expected to rise to
10 more than 800,000 by 2030; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers have helped drive significant,
12 positive changes in our nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Social workers, such as social reformer Jane Addams,
14 former Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and civil rights
15 leaders Dorothy Height, Whitney M. Young, Jr., and Ida B. Wells,
16 have pushed for voting rights, equal rights, Social Security,
17 unemployment insurance and other programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Social workers work in all parts of our society to
19 empower individuals to live to their fullest potential; and

20 WHEREAS, School social workers have worked with families and
21 schools throughout the pandemic to ensure that students reach
22 their full academic and personal potential; and

23 WHEREAS, Social workers continue to work on the front lines
24 throughout the pandemic, helping clients receive the health care
25 they need and helping loved ones overcome grief and loss; and

26 WHEREAS, For generations, social workers have advocated for
27 positive changes that have made society a better place to live,
28 including urging policymakers to adopt the minimum wage, improve
29 workplace safety and enact social safety net programs that help
30 ameliorate hunger, homelessness and poverty; and

1 WHEREAS, Social workers are one of the largest groups of
2 mental health care providers in the United States, working daily
3 to help individuals, whether in person or remotely, overcome
4 substance use disorders and mental illnesses, such as depression
5 and anxiety; and

6 WHEREAS, Social workers continue to stand ready to assist our
7 nation to overcome present and future challenges, including
8 pushing for racial equity, ending gun violence, improving health
9 care and mental health care for all and urging lawmakers to
10 adopt immigration reforms; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 month of March 2024 as "National Social Work Month" in
13 Pennsylvania and call upon all residents of this Commonwealth to
14 join the National Association of Social Workers in celebration
15 and support of the social work profession.