
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 6, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2018 as "National Social Work
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The primary mission of social workers is to help
4 individuals who need assistance with social problems and life
5 complications; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 650,000 individuals in the United States,
7 including 40,000 in Pennsylvania, hold social work degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, Social workers connect individuals, families and
9 communities to available resources; and

10 WHEREAS, March 2018 marks the 63rd anniversary of the
11 National Association of Social Workers, founded in 1955; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the past six decades, the National Association
13 of Social Workers and the social work profession have created
14 positive changes in society and for individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, Social workers also make a difference in the lives

1 of millions of Americans by helping to build, support and
2 empower positive family and community relationships; and

3 WHEREAS, Social workers endeavor to make sure that everyone
4 has access to the same basic rights, protections and
5 opportunities; and

6 WHEREAS, Social workers have worked to improve the rights of
7 women, African Americans and other ethnic minorities and the
8 LGBT community; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Social workers have also pushed to strengthen the
12 social safety net through programs, including Medicaid, Medicare
13 and the Affordable Care Act; and

14 WHEREAS, Social workers have advocated for social justice
15 initiatives, including the Voting Rights Act and the Community
16 Mental Health Act; and

17 WHEREAS, There are more than 40 schools of social work in
18 this Commonwealth, making Pennsylvania the second largest
19 educator of social workers nationwide; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 11,000 licensed social workers practice
21 throughout Pennsylvania, making social workers the largest
22 provider of mental health services in this Commonwealth; and

23 WHEREAS, All individuals, no matter the circumstance, may at
24 some point in their lives need the expertise of a skilled social
25 worker; and

26 WHEREAS, As the need for social work services increases, it
27 is imperative for more social workers to be recruited and
28 educated to ensure that the necessities of a growing client base
29 are met; and

30 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Social Work

1 Month" is "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions."; and
2 WHEREAS, This year's theme informs the public about the past
3 and present role of social workers in helping the most
4 vulnerable people in our society, as well as their role in
5 improving the lives of all Americans; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 month of March 2018 as "National Social Work Month" in
8 Pennsylvania and call upon all residents of this Commonwealth to
9 join with the National Association of Social Workers -
10 Pennsylvania Chapter, to celebrate and support social workers
11 and the social work profession.