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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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O'NEILL, THOMAS, NEILSON, WARREN, MILLARD, GOODMAN AND  
D. COSTA, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 28, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2017 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 hold social work degrees; and

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

10 WHEREAS, March 2017 celebrates the 62nd 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 everyone has  
4 access to the same basic rights, protections and opportunities;  
5 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 such as 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, Research has shown that all individuals, no matter  
18 the circumstance, may at some point in their lives need the  
19 expertise of a skilled social worker; and

20 WHEREAS, As the need for social work services increases, it  
21 is imperative for more social workers to be recruited and  
22 educated to ensure that the necessities of a growing client base  
23 are met; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
25 month of March 2017 as "National Social Work Month" in  
26 Pennsylvania and call upon all residents of this Commonwealth to  
27 join with the National Association of Social Workers,  
28 Pennsylvania Chapter, to celebrate and support social workers  
29 and the social work profession.