

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 344

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE ROAE

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1 Amend Resolution, page 1, lines 3 through 17; page 2, lines 1  
2 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 14; by striking out all of  
3 said lines on said pages and inserting

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

7 WHEREAS, There are more than 720,000 professional social  
8 workers in the United States, but that number is expected to be  
9 more than 800,000 by 2030; and

10 WHEREAS, Social workers connect individuals, families and  
11 communities to available resources; 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  
16 of millions of Americans by helping to build, support and  
17 empower positive family and community relationships; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, More than 11,000 licensed social workers practice  
25 throughout this Commonwealth; and

26 WHEREAS, All individuals, no matter their circumstances, may  
27 at some point in their lives need the expertise of a skilled  
28 social worker; and

29 WHEREAS, Social workers are trained to work in a holistic way  
30 to bring about positive changes on an individual, familial,  
31 communal and societal level; therefore be it

32 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
33 month of March 2024 as "National Social Work Month" in this  
34 Commonwealth and call upon all residents of this Commonwealth to  
35 join with the National Association of Social Workers -  
36 Pennsylvania Chapter, to celebrate and support social workers  
37 and the social work profession.