
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2016 as "National Social Work
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, March 2016 celebrates the 61st anniversary of the
4 National Association of Social Workers, founded in 1955; and

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

8 WHEREAS, More than 650,000 individuals in the United States
9 hold social work degrees; and

10 WHEREAS, Social workers connect individuals, families and
11 communities to available resources; and

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

1 WHEREAS, Social workers also make a difference in the day-to-
2 day lives of millions of Americans by helping to build, support
3 and empower positive family and community relationships; and

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Social workers have also pushed to strengthen the
13 social safety net through programs such as Medicaid, Medicare
14 and the Affordable Care Act and advocated for social justice
15 initiatives, such as 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 the necessities of a growing client base are
23 met; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 month of March 2016 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.