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APRIL 28, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, APRIL 28, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2023 as "National Social Work  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Individuals enter the social work profession due to  
4 a strong desire to help empower individuals, families,  
5 communities and our nation to overcome the issues that prevent  
6 them from reaching their full potential; and

7 WHEREAS, Social workers have worked for more than a century  
8 to improve the well-being and enhance the basic needs of all  
9 people; and

10 WHEREAS, Social workers follow a code of ethics which calls  
11 on them to fight social injustice and respect the dignity and  
12 worth of all people; and

13 WHEREAS, Social workers positively touch the lives of  
14 millions of Americans each day and in a variety of places,  
15 including schools, hospitals, the military, child welfare  
16 agencies, community centers and in Federal, State and local

1 government; and

2 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Social Work  
3 Month" is "Social Work Breaks Barriers," which embodies how  
4 social workers help empower individuals, families, communities  
5 and our society to overcome the hurdles that prevent them from  
6 achieving better well-being; and

7 WHEREAS, Social workers are the largest group of mental  
8 health care providers in the United States, working daily to  
9 support thousands of Americans in overcoming mental illnesses,  
10 including depression and anxiety; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers are on the front lines of the  
12 nation's opioid addiction crisis, assisting individuals in  
13 receiving the treatment they need to prevail over substance use  
14 disorders; and

15 WHEREAS, Social workers help individuals to cope with death  
16 and grief and help individuals and communities recover from  
17 natural disasters that are increasingly fueled by our warming  
18 climate, including hurricanes, drought and flooding; and

19 WHEREAS, Social workers help this nation live up to its  
20 values by advocating for equal rights for all, including people  
21 of color, people who are Indigenous, people who are LGBTQIA2S+  
22 or people who follow various faiths; and

23 WHEREAS, The social work profession is one of the fastest  
24 growing careers in the United States, with approximately 708,000  
25 social workers today and more than 60,000 more social workers  
26 expected to enter the profession over the next decade; and

27 WHEREAS, Social workers continue to push for changes that  
28 make our society a better place to live, including a livable  
29 wage, improved workplace safety and social safety net programs  
30 that help ameliorate poverty, hunger and homelessness; and

1       WHEREAS, Social workers endeavor to work throughout our  
2 society to meet people where they are and help empower people  
3 and our society to reach the goals they wish to attain;  
4 therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
6 month of March 2023 as "National Social Work Month" in  
7 Pennsylvania; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on all  
9 residents to join the National Association of Social Workers in  
10 celebration and support for the social work profession.