

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING MARCH 2018 AS NATIONAL
2 SOCIAL WORK MONTH.
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4 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

5 WHEREAS, the social work profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-
6 being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the
7 most vulnerable in our society; and

8 WHEREAS, social workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme,
9 "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions."; and

10 WHEREAS, the social work profession is expected to grow faster than av-
11 erage over the next 7 years, with more than 649,000 people expected to be em-
12 ployed nationally as social workers by 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, there are approximately 5,000 professional social workers in
14 the State of Idaho; and

15 WHEREAS, social workers are present throughout our society, including
16 the government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communi-
17 ties, the military and in health care and mental health organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, social workers are the largest group of suppliers of mental
19 health services in the United States, and the U.S. Department of Veterans
20 Affairs is one of the largest employers of social workers holding advanced
21 degrees; and

22 WHEREAS, social workers are present in times of crisis, helping people
23 overcome issues such as death and grief and helping people and communities
24 recover from natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes; and

25 WHEREAS, social workers have pushed for decades to ensure rights for
26 all, including women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled,
27 people who are LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and

28 WHEREAS, the social work profession has helped bring about some of the
29 most profound and positive changes in our society over the past century, in-
30 cluding voting rights, improved workplace safety, and minimum wage and so-
31 cial safety net programs that help prevent poverty and hunger; and

32 WHEREAS, social workers continue to engage and bring together individu-
33 als, communities, agencies and government to help society solve some of the
34 most pressing issues of the day, including immigration reform, equal rights
35 for all, affordable and high-quality health care and mental health care for
36 all, as well as protecting the environment.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
38 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
39 resentatives concurring therein, that, in recognition of the numerous con-
40 tributions made by America's social workers, we proclaim March 2018 as Na-
41 tional Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National As-
42 sociation of Social Workers and the Legislature of the State of Idaho in cel-
43 ebration and support of the social work profession.