
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2021 as "National Social Work
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For decades, the social work profession has been
4 dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic
5 needs of all individuals, especially the most vulnerable; and

6 WHEREAS, This year's "National Social Work Month" theme,
7 "Social Workers Are Essential," embodies the heroic
8 contributions of the social work profession to our nation,
9 including the work social workers have done to heal our nation
10 during these times of pandemic, racial unrest, economic
11 uncertainty and political divisiveness; and

12 WHEREAS, Social workers have always been present in times of
13 crisis, helping individuals overcome issues such as death and
14 grief and helping individuals and communities recover from
15 natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes; and

16 WHEREAS, Social workers have helped the United States live up
17 to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for
18 all individuals, no matter the race, sexual identity, gender,

1 gender expression, culture or religion; and

2 WHEREAS, Social work is one of the fastest growing
3 professions in the United States, with nearly 800,000
4 individuals expected to be employed as social workers by 2028;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Social workers work in all parts of our society to
7 empower individuals to live to their fullest potential; and

8 WHEREAS, School social workers have worked with families and
9 schools throughout the pandemic to ensure students reach their
10 full academic and personal potential; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers play a crucial role in the health
12 care system of the United States, including the response to
13 COVID-19 and helping individuals, families and communities cope
14 with the pandemic; and

15 WHEREAS, Social workers for generations have advocated for
16 positive changes that have made society a better place to live,
17 including urging policymakers to adopt the minimum wage, improve
18 workplace safety and enact social safety net programs that help
19 ameliorate hunger, homelessness, and poverty; and

20 WHEREAS, Social workers are one of the largest groups of
21 mental health care providers in the United States, and work
22 daily to help individuals, whether in person or remotely,
23 overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as
24 depression and anxiety; and

25 WHEREAS, Social workers will continue to stand ready to
26 assist our nation in overcoming present and future challenges,
27 including pushing for racial equity, ending gun violence,
28 improving health care and mental health care for all and urging
29 lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of March 2021

1 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania and call upon
2 all residents of this Commonwealth to join the National
3 Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the
4 social work profession.