
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 15, 2023

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
17 government; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 WHEREAS, Social workers endeavor to work throughout our

1 society to meet people where they are and help empower people
2 and our society to reach the goals they wish to attain;
3 therefore be it

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

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