

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH**  
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- WHEREAS,** The primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic and complex needs of all people, putting a particular focus on helping people who are vulnerable, oppressed or living in poverty;
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to fight social injustice, and respect the dignity and worth of all people. They meet people where they are and help people and communities reach their full potential;
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers work in all facets of our society, including schools, hospitals, community organizations, the military, mental health centers, social service agencies, corporations, and government;
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers are on the frontlines helping this nation solve pressing social problems, including an increased demand for mental health services, an opioid addiction crisis, and economic inequality, and more;
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers are in high demand, with some states reporting shortages in Social Work staffing and the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicting Social Work will be one of the fastest growing professions in our nation during this decade;
- WHEREAS,** Michigan is home to over 31,000 licensed social workers and 6,500 students in Social Work programs;
- WHEREAS,** Michigan social workers are by way the largest providers of behavioral health services across the state, nearly double the amount of counselors and psychologists combined;
- WHEREAS,** The 2024 Social Work Month theme, “Empowering Social Workers”, embodies the need for society to support Social Workers so they can continue to do the life-affirming work they do and help address societal needs;
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers in turn empower people, communities, and our nation, helping everyone achieve their full potential; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** In recognition of the numerous contributions made by America’s Social Workers, The Detroit City Council recognizes the month of March as National Social Work Month.