

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 2025 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH
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- WHEREAS,** This year’s Social Work Month theme, “Social Work: Compassion + Action,” embodies the fact that social workers go through years of education and training, so they have the skills and expertise to transform their care for others into action that brings positive results; and
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture or religion; and
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics, which sets as the primary mission of the Social Work profession the enhancement of human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers work in all parts of our society – including schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and government – helping people, family and communities secure services and policies they need to thrive; and
- WHEREAS,** Michigan is home to over 31,000 licensed social workers and 6,500 students in Social Work programs; and
- 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; and
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support, which helps strengthen families that are under stress, and help create new families through adoption; and
- WHEREAS,** Research proves the presence of Social Workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients and residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers continue to stand ready to assist our nation in overcoming present and future challenges, including ending gun violence, improving health care and mental health care for all and urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms; **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.