



*Proclaiming March 2023
National Social Work Month In Ventura County*

Whereas, the primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, provide preventative services as well as complex case management with individuals and families who need assistance overcoming a range of barriers, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

Whereas, this year's Social Work Month Theme, "Social Work Breaks Barriers" embodies the need to recognize the extraordinary contributions of the profession to our society; and

Whereas, Social Workers are present throughout our society, including the government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military and in health care and mental health organizations; and

Whereas, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States and work daily to help people overcome depression, anxiety, substance abuse and other disorders so they can lead more fulfilling lives; and

Whereas, thousands of Social Workers across the country use healing-centered best practices to help children, families, older adults, people with disabilities, individuals experiencing homelessness and others make progress on their goals for improved well-being; and

Whereas, Social Workers are guiding forces in times of crisis, helping communities recover emotionally from natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, and fires.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that in recognition of all Social Workers in our community whose shared commitment, dedication and advocacy improve lives every single day, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of March 2023 as National Social Work Month in Ventura County and calls upon all citizens to join with us in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.

Presented This 14th Day of March 2023

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