



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
PROCLAIMING MARCH 2019
NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

WHEREAS, THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION IS TO ENHANCE HUMAN WELL-BEING AND HELP MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE IN SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR'S SOCIAL WORK MONTH THEME, "ELEVATE SOCIAL WORK" 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 CHILD, FAMILY AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND IMPROVE THE SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

WHEREAS, SOCIAL WORKERS WORK WITH OLDER ADULTS TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND ABILITY TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE; 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 2019 AS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND CALLS UPON ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN WITH US IN CELEBRATION AND SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION.

PRESENTED ON THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2019



CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STEVE BENNETT, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT



LINDA PARKS, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT



KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT



ROBERT O. HOBER, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT



JOHN C. ZARAGOZA, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT