



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the social work profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of all people, especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed and/or living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, social workers empower people, giving them the ability to solve problems, cope with personal roadblocks and acquire the resources they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, social workers are present in times of crisis, helping people overcome trauma and providing recovery aid to communities experiencing epidemics, environmental pollution, or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, the social work profession has contributed to advancements in our society, including voting rights, improved workplace safety, minimum wage, and social safety net programs that help to relieve poverty and hunger; and

WHEREAS, social workers have advocated for people of all races, genders, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, religions, sexualities, and other identities; and

WHEREAS, social workers stand ready to help our society overcome current pressing issues, including equal rights for all, accessible healthcare and mental health services, immigration reform, voting rights and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i commends social workers throughout our state and nation for their contributions to our communities and for their dedication to improving quality of life for all people;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

“NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the value of the social work profession and the many contributions that social workers have made for our communities.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of February 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i