

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the social work profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society; and

WHEREAS, social workers are present throughout our society – in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military, and health care and mental health organizations; and

WHEREAS, social workers are one of the largest groups of professional mental health and substance use service providers in our nation, and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is the largest employer of social workers holding advanced degrees; and

WHEREAS, social workers are present in times of crisis, helping people overcome trauma such as loss and grief, and providing recovery aid to communities that have experienced natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes; and

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

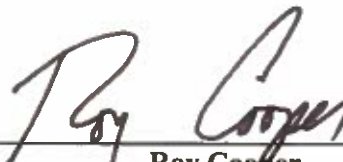
WHEREAS, the social work profession has contributed to advancements in our society over the past century, including voting rights, improved workplace safety, minimum wage, and social safety net programs that help prevent poverty and hunger; and

WHEREAS, social workers continue to engage with and bring together individuals, communities, agencies, and government to help solve today's most pressing social issues; social workers are involved in the effort to bring about immigration reform, equal rights for all, accessible quality health care and mental health care for all, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2018, as "NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.