



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

2019

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 those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and/or living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, social workers elevate and 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 active in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, corporations, the military, and health and mental health care settings across North Carolina; 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 one of the largest employers 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 experiencing epidemics, environmental pollution, or natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, and floods; 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 to ameliorate poverty and hunger; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2019, 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 twenty-second day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.