



State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
Governor

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers Stand Up!," by serving, advocating for, and empowering millions of Americans each day; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers embody the theme of this year's World Social Work Day on March 21, 2017, "Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability," by working with individuals, organizations and local and federal government to improve communities and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, Social Work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with almost 650,000 members of the profession; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all areas of our society to improve happiness, health and prosperity, including in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military and mental health and health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have pushed for decades to ensure equal rights for all, including women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have supported and continue to advocate for legislation and policies that reduce racial discord, including renewal of the Voting Rights Act, the Violence Against Women's Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workplace safety and Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, and work daily to help people overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers deploy across the United States and the world, helping people overcome earthquakes, floods, wars, and other disasters, and return to peace and prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, do hereby proclaim March 2017, as "SOCIAL WORK MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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 first day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.