

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the social work profession has been dedicated to its primary mission – improving the well-being and helping meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, *Social Work: Compassion + Action*, embodies the fact that social workers go through years of education and training to learn the skills and expertise to transform their care for others into action; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped people through personal issues like grief over the death of a loved one, as well as helping communities emotionally and mentally recover from increasing natural disasters such as hurricanes and fires; and

WHEREAS, social workers have played a role in establishing a minimum wage, promoting behavioral health, Social Security, and Medicare, and working to ensure equal rights and well-being of all people; and

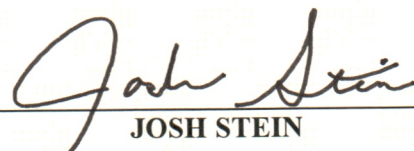
WHEREAS, social workers are on the front lines of helping our state and nation solve pressing social problems, including increased need for mental health services, the opioid addiction crisis, and economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, social workers are in high demand, with some states reporting shortages in social work staffing; the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that social work will be one of the fastest growing professions in our nation during this decade; and

WHEREAS, social workers operate in schools, hospitals, mental health agencies, veteran centers, child welfare agencies, the criminal justice system, corporations, federal, state, and local governments, and other settings, to empower people empower them to live to their fullest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as “**SOCIAL WORK MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





JOSH STEIN
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-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.