



# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

**SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

**2026**

**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 of “*Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform.*” 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 get through personal issues like grief over the death of a loved one, as well as helped communities emotionally and mentally recover from increasingly intense natural disasters such as hurricanes and fires; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers have played a role in establishing a minimum wage, in promoting behavioral health, Social Security, and Medicare, and in working to ensure the 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, addiction counseling, and economic supports; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers are in high demand, with some states reporting shortages in social work staffing; and 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, veterans centers, child welfare agencies, the criminal justice system, and corporations along with federal, state, and local governments and other settings to empower people to live to their fullest potential;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as “**SOCIAL WORK MONTH**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.





**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-fifth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.