Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

Resolution No.:

Adopt a Resolution Honoring Professional Social Workers) In Recognition of Professional Social Work Month.....)

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil rights and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe for more than a century; and

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

WHEREAS, programs and services provided by professional Social Workers are essential elements of the American social safety net; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact in infant and child development, adolescent and youth development, aging and family caregiving, child protection and family services, health care navigation, behavioral health treatment and recovery, military and veterans assistance, nonprofit management and community development, and poverty reduction; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers influence many different organizations and human service systems and are employed in workplaces ranging from public and private agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, to businesses and corporations, military units, labor unions and advocacy groups, elected offices, think tanks and foundations; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers seek to improve social functioning and social conditions for people in emotional, psychological, economic, and/or physical need; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that a nation's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society by promoting social and economic justice and social change with and on behalf of clients/consumers of services; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers witness the strengths and determination of individuals, families or groups who face challenges and obstacles to their well being, at the same time supporting their resilience, their goals and their self advocacy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the citizens thereof, hereby proclaim the month of March 2013 as "Professional Social Work Month" for Monterey County and call upon all its citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers and the Central Coast Unit of Monterey County in celebration and support of Professional Social Workers, who strive to serve the needs of our multicultural, multilingual and diverse populations in our nation's extraordinary tapestry by promoting resilience and advocacy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State Of California

, Deputy