

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-067

Adopt a resolution honoring Social Workers in recognition of Social Work Month.

WHEREAS, March is known across the United States as National Social Work Month and the official theme for March 2025 is "Social Work: Compassion and Action"; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work with other professions, community groups, lawmakers, civil rights offices and organizations to bring equal rights for all, including women, older adults, people with disabilities, people who are Black, Latino, Native American, LGBTQ and of various cultural, ethnic and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have continued to be on the front lines during emergencies and disasters, ensuring the safety and well-being of children, seniors, and people with disabilities; providing support to community members in county shelters; and providing personal protective equipment to caregivers and clients; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact in infant, child and adolescent development, aging and family caregiving, child and older/dependent adult protection, family services, health care navigation, behavioral health treatment and recovery, military and veteran's assistance, nonprofit management, education, and community development; and

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

WHEREAS, Social Workers provide safety net services to all residents of Monterey County, no matter socioeconomic status, religious or political affiliation, sexual orientation, ethnicity or cultural, age and abilities, so they can live a successful and rewarding life; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the residents thereof, hereby proclaim the month of March 2025 as "Social Work Month" for Monterey County and call upon all its residents to join with the National Association of Social Workers and the more than 751,000 Social Workers around the nation in celebration and support of Social Workers.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of March 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels