



# LASSEN COUNTY

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**Date:** March 12, 2024

**To:** Aaron Albaugh, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Barbara Longo, Director  
Health & Social Services Agency

**Subject:** Proclamation: Social Work Month – March 2024

**Background:**

During Social Work Month 2024, the National Association of Social Worker (NASW) will launch the “Empowering Social Workers,” Campaign that will educate the public about the contributions social workers have made to our society and why the profession is so vital to our nation.

Social workers are trained to examine and address life’s problems in a holistic way. They elevate and empower people, giving them the ability to solve problems, cope with personal roadblocks, and get the resources they need to succeed.

Social workers also bring together individuals with other people, their communities, local and state governments, and agencies to address wider problems in our society, including lack of affordable housing, hunger, and equal rights for all.

You can find social workers literally everywhere – including in schools and colleges, hospitals, veteran centers, mental health facilities, local and federal government, the corporate world, and in agencies that help children find new families through adoption and protect children from abuse and neglect.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no impact to County General Funds.

**Action Requested:**

Approve and sign the Proclamation.



## **SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2024 PROCLAMATION “EMPOWERING SOCIAL WORKERS”**

**WHEREAS**, Social Work is a profession truly dedicated to helping people;

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

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers put a particular focus on helping people who are vulnerable, oppressed or living in poverty;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to fight social injustice, and respect the dignity and worth of all people;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers meet people where they are and help people and communities reach their full potential;

**WHEREAS**, the Social Work profession for more than a century has worked to improve this society, with Social Workers playing a role in establishing a minimum wage, Social Security, and Medicare and working to ensure equal rights for women, African Americans and people who are LGBTQIA2S+;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers work in all facets of our society, including schools, hospitals, community organizations, the military, mental health centers, social service agencies, corporations, and local, state and federal government;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers are on the frontlines in helping this nation solve pressing social problems, including an increased demand for mental health services; an opioid addiction crisis; and economic inequality;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers are in high demand, with some states reporting shortages in Social Work staffing and the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicting Social Work will be one of the fastest growing professions in our nation during this decade;

**WHEREAS**, a public opinion survey from Ipsos said Social Work has a public approval rating of more than 80 percent and more than half of Americans say Social Workers deserve higher pay;

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Social Work Month theme, “Empowering Social Workers” embodies the need for society to support Social Workers so they can continue to do the life-affirming work they do and help address societal needs;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers in turn empower people, communities and our nation, helping everyone achieve their full potential,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America’s Social Workers, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of March 2024 as National Social Work Month in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aaron Albaugh  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,  
County of Lassen, State of California

ATTEST:  
JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Lassen