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Date: March 18, 2025

To: Tom Neely, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Jayson Vial, Director
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Subject: Proclamation: Social Work Month – March 2025

Background:

Social workers care about people. That is why so many people enter social work each year, making it one of the fastest growing professions in the United States.

However, social workers go through years of education and training so they can help individuals, families, communities and our society reach their full potential.

That is why the theme for Social Work Month 2025 is Social Work: Compassion + Action.

In the weeks and months ahead, social workers will be called to turn their compassion into action to help our nation address a variety of societal challenges, including the prospect there could be mass deportations of migrants and continued attacks on the people who are LGBTQIA2+, reproductive rights, and diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

Social workers are also on the forefront of helping our nation address a mental health and substance use disorder crisis and chronic income inequality that has led to rising homelessness.

The theme also focuses on the need for social workers to take care of ourselves. Just as airlines instruct passengers to put on their own oxygen masks before helping others in an emergency, social workers must prioritize compassion for themselves to effectively support those in need.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Action Requested:

Adopt Proclamation

SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2025 PROCLAMATION “SOCIAL WORK: COMPASSION + ACTION”

WHEREAS, people have entered the social work profession for generations because they genuinely care about helping improve the welfare of people, families, communities and our nation;

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, so they have the skills and expertise to transform their care for others into action that brings positive results;

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession has worked for generations to improve living conditions in our nation, with Social Workers successfully pushing for Social Security, a 40-hour work week, Medicare, and a minimum wage;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture or religion;

WHEREAS, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics, which sets as the primary mission of the Social Work profession the enhancement of human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty;

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with more than 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2033;

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society – including schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and government – helping people, family and communities secure services and policies they need to thrive;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are at the forefront of pressing issues our nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health care, especially for children and adolescents; and substance use disorder treatment; and increased economic and political division;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the United States and are pressing for a Social Work Interstate Licensing Compact that will improve mental health care delivery in our nation;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support, which helps strengthen families that are under stress, and help create new families through adoption;

WHEREAS, research proves the presence of Social Workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients and residents;

WHEREAS, Social Workers continue to stand ready to assist our nation in overcoming present and future challenges, including ending gun violence, improving health care and mental health care for all and urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms;

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 2025 as National Social Work Month in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 18th day of March 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Tom Neely
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 18th day of March 2025.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Lassen