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**Date:** March 17, 2026

**To:** Gary Bridges, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jayson Vial, Director  
Community Social Services

**Subject:** Proclamation: Social Worker Month - March 2026

**Background:**

The 2026 Social Work Month theme honors the prime mission of the Social Work profession - to enhance human well-being, meet the basic human needs of all people, and put special attention on the needs and empowerment of people are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty.

Social Workers are on the front lines, helping individuals and communities so they can overcome personal and societal challenges and even thrive. Social Workers are also adept at bringing people and communities together - no matter their political affiliation - so they can find common ground and work to improve the welfare of all.

There are more than 810,000 Social Workers in the United States and it is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Social Workers are in all areas of our society - with veterans, in schools, in social service and child welfare agencies, in adoption and foster care, in adult services, in mental health care and health care, and in local, state, and federal government to name a few.

During Social Work Month in March 2026, we will honor the Social Work profession and educate the public about the contributions of the profession

**Fiscal Impact:**

No Fiscal Impact

**Action Requested:**

- 1) Adopt Proclamation



# **SOCIAL WORK MONTH - 2026 PROCLAMATION**

## **“SOCIAL WORKERS — UPLIFT. DEFEND. TRANSFORM.”**

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers positively impact the lives of millions of Americans daily, in hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, adult services agencies, community, centers, and within the federal, state and local governments nationwide;

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century, Social Workers have worked to improve human well-being, advocate for justice, and support everyone’s basic needs;

**IN AS MUCH AS**, Social Workers select this profession out of a deep commitment to help uplift, defend, and transform the lives of people, their families and communities;

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 theme, “Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform,” shines a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives while bringing hope, healing, and justice to the communities they serve - especially in times of profound change and challenges;

**BECAUSE**, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to stand for equity in every community, uphold human dignity, and fight injustice;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers are on the frontlines defending vulnerable populations, including immigrants, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, and those facing discrimination or poverty, while uplifting vital social safety net programs and ensuring the rights of everyone;

**CONSIDERING**, Social Workers assist those navigating trauma, grief, and systemic biases, and help people recover from natural disasters, public health crises, and other issues while transforming their lives in encouraging ways;

**IN AS MUCH AS**, Social Workers confront oppression and racism, advocate for human rights, and advancing fair policies for all persons by obliterating barriers that prevent individuals, and families from thriving;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers care for those who have mental health issues, are recovering from substance use disorders, and support the well-being of children;

**WHEREAS**, the profession continues to grow, with more than 810,000 social workers in the United States who transform lives by shaping a more just and compassionate society through leadership, education, advocacy and direct practice;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in recognition of the critical contributions of social workers across our nation, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of March 2026 as National Social Work Month and call upon everyone to join the National Association of Social Workers and the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in celebrating and supporting the vital work of Social Workers who uplift, defend, and positively transform our communities each and every day.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026, by the following vote:

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

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

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

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

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Gary Bridges  
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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Lassen