

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Social Work Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, social workers work diligently to positively impact the lives of millions of Americans daily, in many settings, including hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and government; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, social workers have strived to improve human well-being, advocate for their communities, and support basic needs with many having reported that they entered the profession out of a deep commitment to uplift, defend, and transform the lives of people, their families, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ethics for social workers emphasizes service, integrity, competence, the dignity and worth of every person, the importance of human relationships, and fairness and opportunity in all communities; and

WHEREAS, social workers serve individuals, families, and communities of diverse backgrounds, including those experiencing economic hardship, discrimination, displacement, and other life changes, and help connect people to essential support and community resources; and

WHEREAS, social workers assist individuals in navigating trauma, grief, health concerns, natural disasters, and public health emergencies, while working to strengthen resilience and long-term stability; and

WHEREAS, the profession works to reduce barriers that limit opportunity, promote respectful dialogue, and support policies and practices that empower clients; and

WHEREAS, social workers promote safety and positive outcomes when providing care and coordination of care for clients experiencing mental health conditions, substance use, or family instability, including child welfare concerns; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for social worker month is "Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform.", shining a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives while bringing hope and healing to the communities they serve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Social Work Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby commend and celebrate, along with the National Association of Social Workers, social workers across the state who uplift, defend, and positively transform the lives of individuals and communities in Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE