

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

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A RESOLUTION

To recognize March 2025, as Social Work Month in Louisiana.

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; and

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Work: Compassion + Action", embodies the fact that social workers complete years of education and training, to acquire the skills and expertise to transform care for others into action that brings positive results; and

WHEREAS, the social work profession has worked for generations to improve living conditions in our nation, successfully advocating for Social Security, a 40-hour work week, Medicare, and a minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped to confirm our national values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture, or religion; and

WHEREAS, social workers follow a code of ethics, setting the primary mission of the social work profession to be 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; and

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 calendar year 2033; and

WHEREAS, social workers serve all parts of our society, including in schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and government, helping people, families, and communities secure services and policies they need to thrive; and

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

and

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

WHEREAS, social workers help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support, to strengthen families under stress, and to help create new families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, research proves that the presence of social workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improves education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients, and residents; and

WHEREAS, social workers 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; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers initiated a campaign in March of 2025, which included a toolkit of social media ideas, promotional gear, contests, and many other strategies to promote the social work profession and celebrate the many positive contributions by social workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize March 2025, as Social Work Month in Louisiana and celebrates and supports the social work profession.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE