

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 238**

1 A resolution to declare March 2020 as Social Work Month in the
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The social work profession for generations has worked
4 to strengthen the well-being and meet the basic needs of all
5 people, especially people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living
6 in poverty; and

7 Whereas, This year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers:
8 Generations Strong" embodies the heroic work of social workers who
9 for more than a century have worked to make our society a better
10 place to live; and

11 Whereas, The social work profession is a diverse profession
12 that allows people of various generations, ethnicities, and



1 religious backgrounds to make an immediate positive impact on our
2 nation and world; and

3 Whereas, The social work profession is one of the fastest
4 growing professions in the United States, with more than 777,000
5 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2028; and

6 Whereas, Social workers are the largest group of mental health
7 care providers in the United States and work daily to help people
8 overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as
9 depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

10 Whereas, Social workers work in all parts of our society to
11 meet people where they are and empower them to live to their
12 fullest potential; and

13 Whereas, The social work profession, more than many other
14 professions, has expansive boundaries that allow social workers to
15 work in a variety of settings, including schools, centers for
16 veterans, the military, hospitals and mental health centers,
17 corporations, and local, state, and federal government; and

18 Whereas, Social workers for generations have worked with other
19 professions, community groups, lawmakers, civil rights and other
20 organizations to bring equal rights for all; and

21 Whereas, The social work profession has been in the forefront
22 of pushing for changes that have made our society a better place to
23 live, including a minimum wage, improved workplace safety, and
24 social safety net programs that help ameliorate poverty and hunger;
25 and

26 Whereas, Social workers have been and continue to stand ready
27 to help our nation in times of crisis, including war and natural
28 disasters such as floods, earthquakes, and hurricanes; now,
29 therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare March 2020 as Social Work Month in
3 the state of Michigan. We recognize the numerous contributions made
4 by social workers across this state and country and join in this
5 celebration and support of the social work profession.