

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.238

Rep. Hammoud offered the following resolution:

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, sexual



1 identities, and religious backgrounds to make an immediate positive  
2 impact on our 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, including women,  
21 minorities, LGBTQ, and various cultural, ethnic, and religious  
22 groups; and

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

28       Whereas, Social workers stand ready and have the expertise to  
29 help our nation handle some of its most pressing issues, including

1 equal rights for all, improved health care and mental health care  
2 for all; immigration reform; income inequality; and the  
3 environmental impact of climate change; and

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

8       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
9 this legislative body declare March 2020 as Social Work Month in  
10 the state of Michigan. We recognize the numerous contributions made  
11 by social workers across this state and country and join in this  
12 celebration and support of the social work profession.