

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Senators Chang, Anthony, Bayer, Bellino, Brinks, Camilleri, Cavanagh, Cherry, Daley, Damoose, Geiss, Hauck, Hertel, Hoitenga, Huizenga, Irwin, Johnson, Klinefelt, McBroom, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Santana, Shink, Singh, Victory, Webber and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to commemorate March 2025 as Social Work Month.

2       Whereas, People have entered the social work profession for  
3 generations because they genuinely care about helping improve the  
4 welfare of people, families, communities and our nation; and

5       Whereas, This year's social work month theme, "Social Work:  
6 Compassion + Action," embodies the fact that social workers go  
7 through years of education and training, so they have the skills  
8 and expertise to transform their care for others into action that  
9 brings positive results; and

10       Whereas, The social work profession has worked for generations

1 to improve living conditions in our nation, with social workers  
2 successfully pushing for Social Security, a 40-hour work week,  
3 Medicare, and a minimum wage; and

4       Whereas, Social workers have helped this nation live up to its  
5 values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people,  
6 no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression,  
7 culture, or religion; and

8       Whereas, Social workers follow a code of ethics, which sets  
9 the primary mission of enhancing human well-being and meeting the  
10 basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the  
11 needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and  
12 living in poverty; and

13       Whereas, In the United States, social work is one of the  
14 fastest growing professions, with more than 800,000 people expected  
15 to be employed as social workers by 2033; and

16       Whereas, There are more than 30,000 licensed social workers in  
17 the state of Michigan alone, while 6,500 social work students are  
18 slated to join the workforce; and

19       Whereas, Social workers work in all parts of our society -  
20 including schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and  
21 government - helping people, families, and communities secure  
22 services and policies they need to thrive; and

23       Whereas, They are also at the forefront of pressing issues our  
24 nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health  
25 care, especially for children and adolescents, substance use  
26 disorder treatment, and increased economic and political division;  
27 and

28       Whereas, Social workers are one of the largest groups of  
29 mental health care providers in the United States and are pushing

1 for a Social Work Interstate Licensing Compact that will improve  
2 mental health care delivery in our nation; and

3       Whereas, They help protect millions of children from abuse and  
4 neglect and provide services and support, which help strengthen  
5 families that are under stress, and help create new families  
6 through adoption; and

7       Whereas, Research proves that social workers in schools,  
8 hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and  
9 health outcomes, as well as the quality of life for students,  
10 patients, and residents; and

11       Whereas, Social workers stand ready to assist our nation in  
12 overcoming present and future challenges, including ending gun  
13 violence, improving health care and mental health care for all, and  
14 urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms; now, therefore, be  
15 it

16       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
17 body commemorate March 2025 as Social Work Month; and be it further

18       Resolved, That in recognition of the numerous contributions  
19 made by America's social workers, we call upon all citizens to join  
20 the National Association of Social Workers in celebrating Social  
21 Work Month.