

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Senator Chang 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
11 to improve living conditions in our nation, with social workers
12 successfully pushing for Social Security, a 40-hour work week,
13 Medicare, and a minimum wage; and

14 Whereas, Social workers have helped this nation live up to its

1 values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people,
2 no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression,
3 culture, or religion; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 Whereas, Social workers are one of the largest groups of
25 mental health care providers in the United States and are pushing
26 for a Social Work Interstate Licensing Compact that will improve
27 mental health care delivery in our nation; and

28 Whereas, They help protect millions of children from abuse and
29 neglect and provide services and support, which help strengthen

1 families that are under stress, and help create new families
2 through adoption; and

3 Whereas, Research proves that social workers in schools,
4 hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and
5 health outcomes, as well as the quality of life for students,
6 patients, and residents; and

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

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

14 Resolved, That in recognition of the numerous contributions
15 made by America's social workers, we call upon all citizens to join
16 the National Association of Social Workers in celebrating Social
17 Work Month.