

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1829

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commemorating March as Professional Social Work Month and commending the hundreds of students who are currently studying to become Social Workers and who will join the more than 6,000 Social Workers practicing in Kansas.

WHEREAS, Social Workers are dedicated to the successful functioning of American society; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest provider of mental health services across Kansas and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help resolve systemic issues that negatively affect community life; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe there are no limits to human potential; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work through community-based agencies and organizations, hospitals, the military services, government, private practice and educational institutions to provide resources and guidance that support social functioning; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are on the frontlines, responding to such human needs as homelessness, poverty, family break-up, mental illness, physical and mental disability, substance abuse, domestic violence, and many other issues; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have the right education and experience to guide individuals, families and communities through complex issues and choices; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are educated in any of the nine recognized and accredited university social work programs in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are licensed professionals at the Baccalaureate, Masters, and Clinical levels of practice; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers often risk their lives for the well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers increase their skills and knowledge through regular continuing education, including establishing a safe working environment for clients, wherever they are served; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers find professional satisfaction in the achievement and progress made by their clients; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a wide range of social contributions throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, A Social Worker's career is one filled with purpose and possibilities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help thousands of Kansans lead more rewarding lives: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize and commemorate the month of March as Professional Social Work Month; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we acknowledge and appreciate the skills, knowledge, ethics and supervision necessary to be an outstanding Social Worker; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we recognize, congratulate and commend the dedication and commitment of the more than 6,000 Social Workers practicing in Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we recognize, appreciate and commend the efforts of the hundreds of students who are currently studying to become Social Workers to join in long and successful careers making lives better for others.

Senate Resolution No. 1829 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*