



SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2021 PROCLAMATION "SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL"

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people-especially the most vulnerable among us;

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers Are Essential" embodies the heroic contributions of the Social Work profession to our nation, including the work Social Workers have done to heal our nation during these times of pandemic, racial unrest, economic uncertainty and political divisiveness;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have always been present in times of crisis, helping people overcome issues such as death and grief and helping people and communities recover from natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes;

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with nearly 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2028;

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society to empower people to live to their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have worked with families and schools throughout the pandemic to ensure students reach their full academic and personal potential;

WHEREAS Social Workers play a crucial role in our nation's healthcare system and have played a key role in this nation's response to COVID-19 and helping individuals, families and communities cope with the pandemic;

WHEREAS Social Workers for generations have advocated for positive changes that have made our society a better place to live, including urging policymakers to adopt the minimum wage, improve workplace safety, and enact social safety net programs that help ameliorate hunger, homelessness, and poverty;

WHEREAS Social Workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the United States, and work daily to help people -whether in person or remotely- overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as National Social Work Month in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession including our own Social Workers at Hidalgo County Community Service Agency.

Approved this 16th day of March 2021

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