

*Proclamation Recognizing March 2025 as
Social Work Month*

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

Whereas this year’s Social Work Month theme, “Social Work: Compassion + Action,” embodies the fact that social workers go through years of education and training so they have the skills and expertise to transform their care for others into action; and

Whereas the Social Work Profession has worked for generations to improve living conditions in our nation, with Social Workers successfully pushing for Social Security, a 40-hour work week, Medicare, and a minimum wage; and

Whereas the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with more than 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2033 with many of them trained by the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Social Work; and

Whereas Social Workers help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support, which helps strengthen families that are under stress, and help create new families through adoption; and

Whereas research proves the presence of Social Workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients and residents; and

Whereas Social Workers are at the forefront of pressing issues our nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health care, especially for children and adolescents; and substance use disorder treatment; and increased economic and political division.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize the month of March 2025 as National Social Work Month and calls upon all citizens to join the University Of Texas Rio Grande Valley School Of Social Work in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

Approved this 4th day of March 2025.

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Attest: _____
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