



- WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society. Social Workers embody this year's Social Work Month Theme, ***"Social Workers Stand Up!"***, by serving, advocating for, and empowering millions of Americans each day; and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States and work daily to help people overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses. Social Workers across Gaston County provide assistance to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families; and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers help protect children, help children find loving homes and create new families through adoption, work in schools to foster future generations by ensuring students reach their full academic and personal potential, and work with older adults and their families to improve their quality of life and ability to live independently as long as possible and get access to quality mental health and health care.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in recognition of the valuable contributions made by Gaston County's Social Workers, proclaims the month of March 2017 as

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in Gaston County and calls upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers and the Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.

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To be Adopted the 28th Day of March 2017