



- WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society; and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "**Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions;**" and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers are present throughout society: including government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military, and in health care and mental health organizations; and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers are 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 floods and hurricanes; and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers have advocated for decades to ensure the rights of all: regardless of age, race, religion, disability, sex, national origin, or culture; and,
- WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession has helped bring some of the most profound, positive changes in our society over the past century: including voting rights, improved workplace safety, minimum wage, and social safety net programs that help prevent poverty and hunger; and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers continue to engage and bring together individuals, communities, agencies, and governments to help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day: including immigration reform, prevention of child and elder abuse, the opioid crisis, human trafficking, access to affordable health care and mental health care, and homelessness.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Social Workers, proclaims the month of March 2018 as

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

and call upon all citizens to join in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

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To be Adopted the 27th Day of March 2018