



WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for generations has worked to strengthen the well-being and meet the basic needs of all people, especially people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and,

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "**Generations Strong**," embodies the heroic work of Social Workers who for more than a century have worked to make our society a better place to live; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is a diverse profession that allows people of various generations, ethnicities, sexual identities, and religious backgrounds to make an immediate positive impact on our nation and the world; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession, more than many other professions, has expansive boundaries that allow Social Workers to work in a variety of settings including: schools, centers for veterans, the military, hospitals, mental health centers, corporations, and local, state, and federal government; and,

WHEREAS, Social Workers for generations have worked with other professions, community groups, lawmakers, civil rights groups, and other organizations to bring equal rights for all, including women and people who are African American, Latino, Native American, LGBTQ, and of various cultural, ethnic, and religious groups; 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 stand ready and have the expertise to help our nation handle some of its most pressing issues, including equal rights for all, improved health care and mental health care for all; immigration reform; income equality and the environmental impact of climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Gaston County's Social Workers, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of March 2020 as

National Social Work Month

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

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To be Adopted the 24th Day of March 2020