



- 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, "**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 that brings positive results; 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, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics, which sets as the primary mission of the Social Work profession the enhancement of human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers are at the forefront of pressing issues our nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, and increased economic and political division; and,
- WHEREAS, Social Workers help protect millions of children and adults 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, Social Workers are dedicated to helping others achieve successful outcomes through the removal of barriers.

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 2025 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 25th Day of March 2025