



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: For decades, social work professionals have been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable among us; and
- WHEREAS: This year's Social Work Month theme is "Social Workers Are Essential," embodying the heroic contributions of the social work profession to our nation, including the work social workers have done to heal our nation during these times of pandemic, racial inequity, economic uncertainty, and political divisiveness; and
- WHEREAS: Social workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexuality, gender, gender expression, culture, or religion; and
- WHEREAS: Social workers work in all parts of our society to empower people to live to their fullest potential; and
- WHEREAS: Social workers play a crucial role in our nation's health care system and have played a key role in this nation's response to COVID-19 in helping individuals, families, and communities cope with the epidemic; and
- WHEREAS: For generations, Social workers have advocated for positive changes to make our society a better place to live, including urging policymakers to adopt the minimum wage, improve workplace safety, and enact social safety net programs that help ameliorate hunger, homelessness, and poverty; and
- WHEREAS: Social workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in Minnesota and work daily to help people, in-person and remotely, overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and
- WHEREAS: Social workers will continue to stand ready to assist our state in overcoming present and future challenges, including pushing for racial equity, ending gun violence, improving health care and mental health care for all, and urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021, as:

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of February.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon