

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/86

National Social Workers' Month

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 National Social Work Month theme Social Workers: Leaders, Advocates, Champions; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next seven years, with more than 649,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2024; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, we are creating new ways to recognize and appreciate current Social Work professionals, as well as to attract new Social Workers to vacant positions within Children and Family Services, Aging and Adult Services, Workforce Services, and Health Services; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers in Children and Family Services protect children from abuse and neglect; find foster and adoptive homes for children; and help families reunite; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers in Aging and Adult Services provide comprehensive assessment and intervention through In-Home Support Services, assessment and advocacy on behalf of disabled clients, investigate emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, neglect and isolation of elderly and disabled adults, and make referrals to resources and support to help ensure their safety and independence; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers in Workforce Services determine job readiness, and assist clients in finding resources to overcome employment barriers; and

WHEREAS, Medical Social Workers within Contra Costa Health Services help patients obtain needed services in the county's hospital and clinics by addressing both the medical and psychosocial needs, serving as liaisons to community services, working in partnership with health, education, and human service agencies; 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, the Social Work Profession has helped bring about 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 government to help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day, including immigration reform, equal rights for all, affordable and good health care and mental health care for all, and protecting the environment.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: the Board of Supervisors in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Contra Costa County's Social Workers, proclaim the month of March 2018 as Social Worker Month in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
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District II Supervisor

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an
action taken
and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on
the date
shown.

ATTESTED: March 13, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy