

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019/36

Proclaiming March 2019 National Social Workers' Month in Contra Costa County.

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;

WHEREAS, Social Workers embody this year's National Social Work Month theme Social Workers: Elevate Social Work;

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;

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, we are creating new ways to recognize, appreciate, and retain 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;

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;

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, investigation of emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, neglect and isolation of the elderly and disabled adults, and make referrals to resources and support to help ensure their safety and independence;

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

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 other community services, and working in partnership with health, education and human service agencies;

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 fires and floods;

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;

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: In recognition of the numerous contributions made by Contra Costa County's Social Workers, the County's Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of March 2019 as Social Workers' Month in Contra Costa County.

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Chair, District I 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 12, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy