

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2020/77

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

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 world;

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is one of the fastest growing in the United States, with more than 777,000 individuals expected to be employed as social workers by 2028;

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, investigate 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, the Social Work Profession has been in the forefront of pushing for changes that have made our society a better place to live, including a minimum wage, improved workplace safety, and social safety net programs that help ameliorate poverty and hunger;

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, 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, we proclaim the month of March 2020 as Social Worker Month in celebration and support of the social work profession.

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District V Supervisor

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 31, 2020

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy