

In the matter of: Resolution No. 2021/69

Proclaiming March 2021 as National Social Work Month in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is dedicated to improving human lives and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable among us;

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Social Work Month theme is *Social Workers Are Essential*, underscoring heroic contributions of the social work profession, including the work to heal our community during these times of pandemic, racial unrest, economic uncertainty, and political divisiveness;

WHEREAS, Social Workers in Children and Family Services continue supporting families throughout the pandemic to 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 continue providing 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 referrals to resources and support to help ensure safety and independence;

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

WHEREAS, Social Workers have played a key role in Contra Costa County's response to COVID-19 by helping individuals, families and communities cope with the pandemic;

WHEREAS, Social Workers continue advocating, as they have for generations, for positive changes to how we all live, including upholding social safety net programs that help eliminate hunger, homelessness, and poverty, ensuring the availability of affordable, high-quality health care, and delivering mental health support;

WHEREAS, Social Workers empower people in our County to live to their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have always been present in times of crisis, helping people overcome issues such as death and grief, and helping communities recover from natural disasters such as fires, earthquakes, and floods;

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is one of the fastest growing in the United States, with more than 800,000 expected to be employed as social workers by 2028; in recognition of the numerous contributions that Contra Costa County's Social Workers make, we proclaim the month of March

2021 as Social Work Month in celebration and support of the social work profession.

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## Chair, District III 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 2, 20	21
	Monica Nino, County Administrator	
	By:	Deputy