

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/65

Proclaiming March 2022 as Social Work Month in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable among us;

WHEREAS, the 2022 National Social Work Month theme, *The Time is Right for Social Work*, embodies how Social Workers rose to meet the most pressing challenges of these times, the COVID-19 pandemic, systemic racism, economic inequality, global warming and other crises;

WHEREAS, Social Workers in Children and Family Services continue supporting families 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 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 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 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 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, Social Workers empower people in our County to live to their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is one of the fastest growing in the United States, with more than 715,000 in the profession today, and nearly 800,000 expected to be employed as social workers by 2028;

WHEREAS, Social Workers possess the necessary expertise to assist our County with some of its most demanding concerns, including ensuring equal rights, improved health care and mental health care for all; and immigration reform;

that in recognition of the numerous contributions that Contra Costa County's Social Workers make, we proclaim the month of March 2022 as Social Work Month in celebration and support of the social work profession.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

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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 8, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy