

**Proclamation
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, social work was developed from a common concern for humanity, and the belief in the dignity and worth of each individual, with a commitment to promoting the welfare of all individuals served, and the dedication of working to promote social justice; and

WHEREAS, social work provides a significant role in the system of services aimed at protecting children, the frail elderly and other dependent adults from neglect and abuse and exploitation, and assisting families and individuals struggling with issues such as mental health or substance use; and

WHEREAS, social workers help find and support alternative care (foster, relative or nonrelated extended family members) for neglected and abused children when needed as all have the right to a safe environment, and help provide care and support through care providers to enable elders and people with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, veterans and their families need continued community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and

WHEREAS, social workers work in collaboration with public health, mental health, education, medical professionals, tribal agencies, and many other community agencies to make Humboldt County a nurturing, supportive, healthy environment for its children, families, adults and communities; and

WHEREAS, social workers provide valuable services to increase opportunities for all members of society, and to speak out on behalf of the vulnerable, and the voiceless; and

WHEREAS, social workers in Humboldt County are a major force for positive community change, recognizing the strengths of individuals, families and communities and that empowering people requires acknowledgment of their capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 2020 as "Social Worker Appreciation Month" to honor social workers and all that they do to enhance the well-being of individuals, families and the communities within Humboldt County and encourages support of programs which benefit the health and welfare of all of our citizens.

DATED: March 17, 2020

ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair

