

**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, equity and inclusion; 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, 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

WHEREAS, social workers help provide care and support through care providers to enable elders and people with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities and help provide continued support to veterans and their families to ensure successful transitions after service; and

WHEREAS, social workers in collaboration with Public Health, Behavioral Health, educational institutions, medical professionals and many other community agencies work to make Humboldt County a nurturing, supportive, healthy environment for children, families, adults and communities; and

WHEREAS, social workers have continued to fill their critical roles during adverse events which have impacted them, their clients and the community as a whole; 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 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 understanding that empowering people requires acknowledgment of their capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 2023 "Social Worker Appreciation Month" and honors social workers for all they do to enhance the well-being of individuals, families and the communities within our county, and encourages support of programs which benefit the health and welfare of all our citizens.

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Steve Madrone, Chair