

# SOCIAL WORKERS *generations* STRONG

## **SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2020 PROCLAMATION “SOCIAL WORKERS: GENERATIONS STRONG”**

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for generations has worked to strengthen the well-being and meet the basic needs of all people, especially people who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty;

WHEREAS, this year’s Social Work Month theme, “**Social Workers: Generations Strong**” embodies the heroic work of social workers who for the more than a century have 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 professions in the United States, with more than 777,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2028;

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society to meet people where they are and empower them to live to their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession, more than many other professions, has expansive boundaries that allow social workers to work in a variety of settings, including schools, centers for veterans, the military, hospitals and mental health centers, corporations and local, state and federal government;

WHEREAS, Social Workers for generations have worked with other professions, community groups, lawmakers, civil rights and other organizations to bring equal rights for all, including women and people who are African American, Latino, Native American, LGBTQ and of various cultural, ethnic and religious groups.

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 have been and continue to stand ready to help our nation in times of crisis, including war and natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes and hurricanes;

WHEREAS, Social Workers stand ready and have the expertise to help our nation handle some of its most pressing issues, including equal rights for all, improved health care and mental health care for all; immigration reform; income inequality and the environmental impact of climate change;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America’s Social Workers, I \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim the month of March 2020 as National Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and \_\_\_\_\_ [your organization] in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.