[National Social Work Month - March 2016]

Resolution declaring March 2016 as National Social Work Month in the City and County of San Francisco and calling upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Work to celebrate and support the social work profession.

WHEREAS, The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, Social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States with more than 640,000 practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Social workers work in all areas of our society to improve happiness, health and prosperity in all areas of our society, including in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military, and mental health and health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, Social workers daily embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "Forging Solutions Out of Challenges," by helping individuals, communities and the larger society tackle and solve issues that confront them; and

WHEREAS, Social workers have helped this nation live up to its ideals by successfully pushing for equal rights for all, including women, African Americas, Latinos, people who are LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, Social workers have helped people in this nation overcome racial strife and economic and health care uncertainty by successfully advocating for initiatives such as Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workplace safety, Social Security benefits, the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, and the Affordable Care Act; and
WHEREAS, Social workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States and work daily to help people overcome depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and other conditions so that they can lead more fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs employs more than 12,000 professional social workers and social workers help bolster our nation’s security by providing support to active duty military personnel, veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of children, family, and school based social workers across the country help protect children, improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families; and work with families and schools to foster future generations by ensuring students reach their full academic and personal potential; and

WHEREAS, Social workers work with older adults and their families to improve their quality of life and ability to live independently as long as possible and access quality mental health and health care; and

WHEREAS, Social workers have helped the United States and other nations overcome earthquakes, floods, wars and other disasters by helping survivors obtain food, shelter, health care, and mental health care to address stress and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, In the Bay Area, social workers are graduating from programs at San Francisco State University School of Social Work, University of California Berkeley School of Social Welfare, San Jose State University School of Social Work, and California State University East Bay Department of Social Work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America’s social workers, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, proclaim March 2016 as National Social Work Month; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers to celebrate and support the social work profession.
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March 08, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/8/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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