

PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 AS SOCIAL WORK APPRECIATION MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession has existed for more than a century and has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people- especially the most vulnerable among us particularly during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "The Time is Right for Social Work," embodies how social workers, who are often unsung heroes, have risen to meet the most pressing challenges of our lifetimes, the COVID-19 pandemic, systemic racism, economic inequality, global warming, and other crises; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County Social Workers work daily and tirelessly on the frontlines to help people overcome barriers and issues such as substance use disorders, mental illness, death, grief, child abuse and neglect, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect, income and housing instability; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers continue to stand ready to assist Mendocino County citizens in overcoming present and future challenges, including providing 24/7 in-person response to reports of abuse or neglect and supporting families with connecting to treatment, educational resources, and community programs and services to promote safety, self-sufficiency and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers, and the team who help support Social Workers, work in all facets of our society to meet people no matter their circumstance and empower them to live to their fullest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Mendocino County Social Workers, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims March, 2022, as:

"Social Work Appreciation Month in the County of Mendocino"

And encourages all to thank a social worker!

Dated: March 1, 2022

Ted Williams, Chair