

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKER MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Social Workers positively impact the lives of millions of Americans daily, in hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and within the federal, state and local governments nationwide;

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Social Workers have worked to improve human well-being, advocate for justice, and support everyone's basic needs;

WHEREAS, Social Workers select this profession out of a deep commitment to help uplift, defend, and transform the lives of people, their families and communities;

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme, "Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform," shines a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives while bringing hope, healing, and justice to the communities they serve – especially in times of profound change and challenges;

WHEREAS, Social Workers, follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to stand for equity in every community, uphold human dignity, and fight injustice, are on the frontlines defending vulnerable populations, including those facing discrimination or poverty, while uplifting vital social safety net programs and ensuring the rights of everyone;

WHEREAS, Social Workers assist those navigating trauma, grief, and systemic biases, and help people recover from natural disasters, public health crises, and other issues while transforming their lives in encouraging ways;

WHEREAS, Social Workers confront oppression and racism, advocate for human rights, and advancing fair policies for all persons by obliterating barriers that prevent individuals, and families from thriving, as the profession continues to grow, with more than 810,000 social workers in the United States who transform lives by shaping a more just and compassionate society through leadership, education, advocacy and direct practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the critical contributions of social workers across our nation, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, proclaim the month of March 2026 as "National Social Worker Month", and call upon everyone to join the National Association of Social Workers and the Mendocino County Department of Social Services in celebrating and supporting the vital work of Social Workers who uplift, defend, and positively transform our communities.

Dated: March 24, 2026

Bernie Norvell, Chair