

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2022 AS

## National Social Work Month

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**WHEREAS**, the Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being, enhancing the basic needs of all people, and advocating for equal rights for all, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, those who are LBGTQIA, religious groups and others; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's **Social Work Month** theme, "The Time is Right for Social Work" embodies how social workers rose to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, even as our nation continues to grapple with systemic racism, economic inequality, global warming, and other crises; and

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, and work daily to help people—whether in person or remotely—recover from death and grief, and overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers have continued to push for changes that have made our society a better place to live, including a livable wage, improved workplace safety, and social safety net programs that help ameliorate poverty, hunger, child and adolescent development, and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers in San Mateo County challenge stigma and institutionalized racism to aid individuals with justice involvement to overcome barriers and achieve economic stability to maintain freedom from incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers in San Mateo County are committed to ensuring the safety, permanency and well-being of all children and young-adults, and, through interventions and advocacy, improve the social, emotional, psychological, economic and/or physical needs of individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers in San Mateo County engage and team with community and system partners to ensure all foster youth graduate from high school and are provided with care, compassion and support to successfully navigate post-secondary educational, employment, and transition into adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers navigate complex systems of care and work dynamically with partners to create a seamless continuum of services to our most vulnerable populations.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby recognize the numerous contributions made by Social Workers and designate March 2022 as **NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH**.

**Dated: March 22, 2022**

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors