

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2023 AS

Social Work Month

WHEREAS, Social Workers have worked for more than a century improving human well-being, enhancing basic needs for all people and advocating for equal rights for all, including people of color, people who are indigenous, people who are LGBTQIA2S+, people who follow various faiths and others; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Social Work Month theme, “Social Work Breaks Barriers” embodies how Social Workers help empower individuals, families, communities and our society to overcome hurdles that prevent them from achieving better well-being; 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 system involvement to overcome barriers and achieve economic stability to maintain freedom from incarceration; 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 education and 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 2023 as **SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

Dated: March 14, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors