



Santa Fe Independent School District
National Social Workers Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "**Social Workers are Essential**"; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next seven years, with more than 800,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2028; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are present throughout our society, including the government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military and in health care and mental health organizations; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of suppliers of mental health services in the United States and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest employers of social workers holding advanced degrees; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are present in times of crisis, helping people overcome issues such as death and grief and helping people and communities recover from natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have pushed for decades to ensure rights for all, including women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession has helped bring about some of the most profound, positive changes in our society over the past century, including voting rights, improved workplace safety, minimum wage and social safety net programs that help prevent poverty and hunger; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers continue to engage and bring together individuals, communities, agencies and government to help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day, including immigration reform, equal rights for all, affordable and good health care and mental health care for all; and protecting the environment;

THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers, Santa Fe ISD proclaims the month of **March 2021** as **National Social Workers Month** and call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers and Santa Fe ISD in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of February 2021.

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