

State of South Dakota

NINETY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2018

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

Introduced by: Representatives Johnson, Ahlers, Bartling, Chase, Dennert, Glanzer, Hawley, Holmes, Johns, Kaiser, Karr, Kettwig, Lake, Latterell, Lesmeister, Lust, May, McCleerey, Mickelson, Peterson (Kent), Pischke, Rasmussen, Reed, Rozum, Schoenfish, Smith, and Willadsen and Senators Frerichs, Curd, Haverly, Heinert, Kennedy, Killer, Klumb, Maher, Nesiba, Peters, Solano, Sutton, and Youngberg

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Commending and recognizing the numerous contributions
2 made by South Dakota's social workers and recognizing March 2018 as National Social
3 Work Month.

4 WHEREAS, the social work profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others
5 and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society; and

6 WHEREAS, social workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers:
7 Leaders, Advocates, Champions"; and

8 WHEREAS, the social work profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next
9 seven years, with more than six hundred forty-nine thousand people expected to be employed
10 as social workers by 2024; and

11 WHEREAS, social workers are the largest group of suppliers of mental health services in
12 the United States and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest
13 employers of social workers holding advanced degrees; and



1 WHEREAS, social workers are present in times of crisis, helping people overcome issues
2 such as death and grief and helping people and communities recover from natural disasters such
3 as flood, fire, and hurricanes; and

4 WHEREAS, social workers have pushed for decades to ensure rights for all, including
5 women, Native Americans, immigrants, refugees, disabled persons, and various ethnic, cultural,
6 and religious groups; and

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

10 WHEREAS, social workers continue to engage and bring together individuals, communities,
11 agencies, and government to help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day
12 including immigration reform, equal rights for all, affordable and good health care and mental
13 health care for all, and protecting the environment:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
15 Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
16 Legislature of the State of South Dakota commends and recognizes the numerous contributions
17 made by South Dakota's social workers; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature designates March 2018, as National
19 Social Work Month and calls upon all South Dakotans to join with the National Association of
20 Social Workers, the South Dakota Chapter of Social Workers, and the State of South Dakota
21 in celebration and support of the social work profession.