

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

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

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: Leaders, Advocates, Champions"; and

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

WHEREAS, social workers are the largest group of suppliers of mental health services in the United States and the United States 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 flood, fire, and hurricanes; and

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

WHEREAS, the social work profession has helped bring about some of the most profound 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature of the

State of South Dakota commends and recognizes the numerous contributions made by South Dakota's social workers; and

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 25, 2018
January 31, 2018

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Speaker of the House

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