

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SOCIAL WORK MONTH MARCH 2025

WHEREAS, social workers enter the profession because they have a strong desire to help empower individuals, families, communities and our nation to overcome issues that prevent them from reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS, social workers have worked for more than a century to improve human well-being and enhance the basic needs of all people, following a code of ethics that calls on them to fight social injustice and respect the dignity and worth of all people; and

WHEREAS, social workers positively touch the lives of millions of Americans each day in a variety of places, including schools, hospitals, the military, child welfare agencies, community centers and in federal, state and local government; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Social Work Month theme, "Compassion + Action," highlights the support social workers deserve as they continue to do the life-affirming work that addresses societal needs; and

WHEREAS, social workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, working daily to help thousands of Americans overcome mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; social workers are on the front lines of the nation's opioid addiction crisis, helping people get the treatment they need and prevail over substance use disorders; and social workers help people cope with death and grief and help people and communities recover from natural disasters, including hurricanes, drought and flooding; and

WHEREAS, social workers work with other professions, community groups, lawmakers, civil rights and other organizations to bring equal rights for all, including women and people of all socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, social workers continue to advocate for changes that make society a better place to live, including fair wages, improved workplace safety and social safety net programs that alleviate poverty, hunger and homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
March 2025, **SOCIAL WORK MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE