STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the profession of Social Work was established in the late 19th century to address economic and social justice issues; and

WHEREAS, social work is a career calling that focuses on the wellbeing and structural dynamics of individuals, families, groups and communities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are dedicated to enhancing the lives of millions of Americans each day through advocacy and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have the unique education, training and experience to support individuals, families and communities through complex interpersonal and interactive issues during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are front-line responders to societal and systemic matters that affect community life; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in many industries and areas of society including government, schools, universities, social service agencies, the military, and mental health and health care facilities to address the unique needs of individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, working daily to help people achieve sustained wellness; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that each person has dignity and worth and that there is no limit to human potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MARCH 2020
AS
SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourteenth day of February in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

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