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To Recognize and Celebrate March as National Social Work Month

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

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;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have continued to push for changes that have made our society a better place to live, including a livable wage, improved workplace safety, and social safety net programs that help ameliorate poverty, hunger, and homelessness;

WHEREAS, the 2023 Social Work Month theme, "Social Work Breaks Barriers" embodies how social workers help empower individuals, families, communities and our society to overcome hurdles that prevent them from achieving better well-being;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by advocating for equal rights for all, including people of color, people who are Indigenous, people who LBGQTQIA2S+, or people who follow various faiths;

WHEREAS, the social workers of Columbus Public Health and the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging embody the aforementioned qualities and work tirelessly throughout Greater Columbus to meet our neighbors where they are and empower them to reach the goals they wish to attain;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize the numerous contributions by America's social workers and celebrates the month of March as National Social Work Month.