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To honor and recognize the month of March as Professional Social Work Month.

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact in adolescent and youth development; aging and family caregiving; child protection and family services; health care navigation; mental and behavioral health treatment; military and veterans assistance; nonprofit management and community development; and poverty reduction; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers seek to improve social functioning and social conditions for people in emotional, psychological, economic, and/or physical need; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are experts in care coordination, case management, and therapeutic treatment for biopsychosocial issues, and have roles in more than 50 different fields of practice; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that a nation's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people, who are often navigating major life challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society;

WHEREAS, The National Association of Social Workers, NASW has more than 140,000 members - the largest member organization for licensed Social Workers; and

WHEREAS, The NASW- Ohio Chapter helps advocate for policies that bring society and communities together by promoting social justice, advocating for LGBT rights, hosting events and workshops that further the professional development of social workers, and training social workers to be leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, NASW- Ohio Chapter, with more than 5000 members throughout the State of Ohio is the largest provider of mental health services in the State, making our communities better by supporting child welfare, services to the aging and more, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize the month of March as Professional Social Work Month.