

WHEREAS; social work professionals consistently work to meet the needs and strengthen the well-being of all people in Wisconsin and across the United States, especially the most vulnerable and historically underserved populations, including those living in poverty; and

WHEREAS; professionals in the field of social work serve on the frontlines, meeting folks where they are at all stages of their life to respond to needs such as homelessness and housing insecurity and mental health and substance use disorders while also attending to the spectrum of social issues that affect kids and families, including everything from public health emergencies and racial injustice to economic uncertainty and more; and

WHEREAS; social workers are in high demand and work in all facets of society, and the compassion, grace, and courage demonstrated by Wisconsin’s social workers have helped uplift and empower people and communities across the state, nurturing their ability to solve problems, helping them cope with personal challenges, and assisting them in accessing the resources they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS; through their dedication and support, social workers also play a vital role in advancing the vision of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF)—and all of state government—that all of Wisconsin’s kids are safe and loved members of thriving families and communities; and

WHEREAS; this year’s Social Work Month theme, “Empowering Social Workers,” serves as a reminder of the importance of ensuring all social work professionals have the full range of support and resources they need to perform their jobs to the very best of their abilities for the individuals, families, and communities they serve; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DCF and community organizations in celebrating and thanking the state’s social workers for the countless contributions they make each day to improve the lives of kids, families, and all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

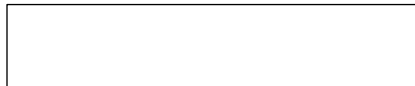
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2nd day of February 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State