STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

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 individuals where they are at all stages of their life to respond to needs such as homelessness, housing insecurity, 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; the compassion, hard work, and courage of social workers have helped uplift and empower people, nurturing their ability to solve problems, helping them build upon their strengths, 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 the 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, "Social Work: Compassion + Action," serves as a reminder of the profound impact professionals in the field of social work have on society as a result of their years of study and care to aptly understand and protect the health, safety, and well-being of the kids, families, and communities they serve; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DCF and community organizations across the state 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 2025 as

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

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

By the vernor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State 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 14th day of February 2025.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR