

WHEREAS; for generations, social work professionals have worked to strengthen the well-being and meet the basic needs of all people in Wisconsin and throughout the United States, especially our most vulnerable and oppressed populations, and those living in poverty; and

WHEREAS; social work allows people of all generations, ethnicities, identities, and backgrounds to have immediate positive effects on the lives of people across our state; and

WHEREAS; people in the field of social work serve on the frontlines in our communities, responding to human needs such as homelessness and housing insecurity, mental health, and substance use disorders, and adjusting to social issues such as public health emergencies, racial injustice, and economic uncertainty; and

WHEREAS; the compassion, grace, and courage demonstrated by Wisconsin's social workers during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has helped uplift and empower people throughout our state, nurturing their ability to solve problems, helping them to cope with personal roadblocks, and assisting them in accessing the resources they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS; social workers, counselors, and treatment professionals help strengthen our state's families to support the safety and well-being of Wisconsin's kids; and

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

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DCF in celebrating and thanking our state's social workers for the investments 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 2021 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 24th day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State