

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 historically underserved 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 communities 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 attending to social issues that affect kids and families, 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 coronavirus pandemic has helped uplift and empower people throughout our state, nurturing their ability to solve problems, helping them to cope with personal challenges, and assisting them in accessing the resources they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS; social workers, counselors, and treatment professionals help support our state's parents and caregivers to ensure the safety and well-being of kids and families across Wisconsin; 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)—and all of state government—that all of Wisconsin's kids are safe and loved members of thriving families and communities; and

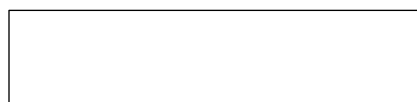
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DCF in celebrating and thanking our state's social workers for the investments they make each day to improve the lives of kids, families, and all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2022 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State