

WHEREAS; for generations, social work professionals have worked to meet the basic needs and strengthen the well-being of all people in Wisconsin and throughout the United States, especially the most vulnerable and historically underserved populations, including 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 the state; and

WHEREAS; people in the field of social work serve on the frontlines, responding to human needs such as homelessness and housing insecurity, mental health, and substance use disorders while attending to social issues that affect kids and families ranging from public health emergencies, to racial injustice, to economic uncertainty; and

WHEREAS; the compassion, grace, and courage demonstrated by Wisconsin's social workers have helped uplift and empower people throughout the 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 parents, caregivers, and foster parents 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 the 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 2023 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 17th day of February 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State