



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the profession of Social Work was established in the late 19th century to address economic and social justice issues; and

WHEREAS, Social Work is a career calling that focuses on the wellbeing and structural dynamics of individuals, families, groups and communities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are dedicated to enhancing the lives of people in every age group, race, culture, gender and religion, every day through advocacy and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Social Work Month theme, "Social Work Breaks Barriers" embodies how Social Workers empower individuals, families, communities and societies to overcome challenges, fight social injustices and reach their goals; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States that provides unique education and training, to support individuals, families and communities through complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, working daily to help thousands of Americans overcome mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are on the frontlines of the nation's opioid addiction crisis, helping people get the treatment they need and prevail over substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped people cope with death and grief and communities recover from natural disasters that are increasingly fueled by our warming climate, including hurricanes, drought and flooding; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in many sectors of society including government, schools, universities, non-profit and faith-based agencies, the military, and mental health and health care facilities to address the unique needs of individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that each person has dignity and worth and that there is no limit to human potential; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all, including individuals who are Black, Indigenous, People of Color, individuals who identify as LBGTQIA+, people of every race and creed, people with disabilities, people with mental illness, and more;

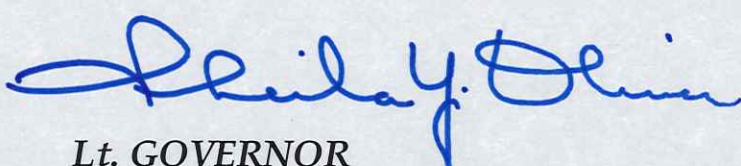
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MARCH 2023 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of February in the year two thousand twenty-three, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.


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