

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA: 5.B.9
AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2018

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim March 2018 as Social Work Recognition Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0102

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa , Seconded by Supervisor Withrow and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini


Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim March 2018 as Social Work Recognition Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Proclaim March 2018 as Social Work Recognition Month in Stanislaus County

DISCUSSION:

The month of March has historically been declared Social Work Recognition Month. We request that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors declare March, 2018, as Social Work Recognition Month in Stanislaus County to recognize the following:

- Social Work Recognition Month was initiated in 1962 by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) to honor the Social Work profession.
- Social Work is a specialized field that brings support and services to children, adults and families requiring help. Social Workers provide multi-faceted assistance to individuals, families and communities. They bring resources, education, therapy, guidance and expertise to help those facing wide-ranging mental, emotional, physical and social challenges. Social Workers help vulnerable children, youth and senior citizens stay safe and experience optimal learning and growth by supporting healthy development, building relationships, and promoting empowerment and self-sufficiency. They also help keep families together and facilitate the involvement of collateral human services agencies with the common goal of creating strong, vibrant communities.
- Social Workers provide services throughout our community, working in child and adult protection services, schools, hospitals/medical facilities, behavioral health centers, corrections, addiction and recovery services. They also work in community agencies supporting foster care, adoptions, in-home services for our disabled and elderly citizens, domestic violence programs, and community development organizations.
- Social Workers help to reduce trauma and build resiliency for children, youth, seniors and families experiencing harm, poverty or who are otherwise vulnerable.

They help people develop new skills to cope with minor to significant challenges in their lives. Social Workers promote healthy relationships, provide skills to improve parenting, support those recovering from abuse and neglect, facilitate social connections and community supports and better ways to manage internal and external stress. Social Workers throughout Stanislaus County successfully engage and help strengthen families so together we can continue building a safer, stronger community.

- Social Workers in the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Health Services Agency, Area Agency on Aging and other community organizations take pride in their ability to collaborate with community partners to deliver services in a compassionate and culturally responsive manner.

Social Workers will be recognized throughout the month of March.

POLICY ISSUE:

Social Work Month was initiated in 1962 by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) as a time to honor the Social Work profession.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended action supports the Boards' Priority of *Supporting Community Health* by honoring Social Workers competence, professionalism and commitment to keeping families in the community safe and healthy.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact with this agenda item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Social Worker Month Proclamation

**Proclaiming March 2018 as Social Worker Recognition Month in
Stanislaus County**

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable; and,

WHEREAS, programs and services provided by professional Social Workers are essential elements of the Stanislaus County social safety net; and,

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact on adolescent and youth development; aging and family caregiving; child protection and family services; health care navigation; mental and behavioral health treatment; military and veterans assistance; nonprofit management and community development; and poverty reduction; and,

WHEREAS, Social Workers influence many different organizations and human service systems and are employed in workplaces ranging from private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, to businesses and corporations, military units, elected offices, think tanks and foundations; and,

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that Stanislaus County's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives; and,

WHEREAS, Social Workers throughout Stanislaus County believe that building stronger families creates a safer and stronger community; and,

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people, who are often navigating major life challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential; and,

WHEREAS, Social Workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare the month of March 2018 as SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH in Stanislaus County, in recognition that our nation would be less successful without the contributions of America's 682,000 social workers and to honor these Social Workers for their competence and professionalism, their dedication to the highest ethical standards and their commitment of service to the citizens of Stanislaus County.