



Legislation Text

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Councilwoman Grim

Recognizing March as Social Work Month. “The Time is Right for Social Work”

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people-especially the most vulnerable among us particularly during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this year’s Social Work Month theme, “The Time is Right for Social Work” embodies how social workers rose to meet the most pressing challenges of all of our lifetimes, the COVID-19 pandemic, even as our nation continues to grapple with systemic racism, economic inequality, global warming, and other crises; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, and work daily to help people-whether in person or remotely-overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have always helped people overcome issues such as death and grief and helped people and communities recover from increasing natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes brought on by climate change; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, those who are LBGTQA, religious groups and others; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with more than 715,000 social workers today and nearly 800,000 professionals expected to be employed as social workers by 2028; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have continued to push for changes that have made our society a better place to live, including a livable wage, improved workplace safety, and social safety net programs that help ameliorate poverty, hunger, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers possess the necessary expertise to assist our nation in some of its most demanding concerns, including their health and well-being not only during the pandemic, but at all times, ensuring equal rights, improved health care and mental health care for all; and immigration reform; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That we recognize the month of March 2022, as National Social Work Month in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America’s Social Workers and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

SECTION 2. That Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____ : yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council

_____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council