

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 427

Supporting the goals and ideals of Social Work Month during March 2018
and World Social Work Day on March 20, 2018.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2018

Ms. STABENOW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Social Work Month during
March 2018 and World Social Work Day on March
20, 2018.

Whereas the profession of social work is—

(1) dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others
and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the
most vulnerable people in society; and

(2) expected to grow faster than average relative to
all professions over the next 6 years, with more than
649,000 individuals expected to be employed as social
workers by 2024;

Whereas social workers embody the theme of Social Work
Month in 2018, which is “Social workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions.”;

Whereas social workers are—

(1) employed throughout society, including in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, the military, and health care and mental health organizations;

(2) the largest group of providers of mental health services in the United States; and

(3) present in times of crisis, helping—

(A) individuals overcome issues such as the death of a loved one and grief; and

(B) individuals and communities recover from natural disasters, including floods and hurricanes;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest employers of social workers who hold advanced degrees;

Whereas, for decades, social workers have pushed to ensure rights for all people, including women, African Americans, Latinos, individuals who are disabled, individuals who are LGBTQ, and various ethnic, cultural, and religious groups;

Whereas the profession of social work has helped bring about some of the most profound, positive changes in society over the past century, including improvements with respect to—

(1) voting rights;

(2) workplace safety;

(3) the minimum wage; and

(4) social safety net programs that help prevent poverty and hunger; and

Whereas social workers continue to engage and bring together individuals, communities, agencies, and units of government in order to help society address some of the most pressing current issues, including—

- (1) immigration reform;
- (2) ensuring equal rights for all people;
- (3) providing affordable and good health care and mental health care for all individuals; and
- (4) protecting the environment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Social
3 Work Month during March 2018 and World Social
4 Work Day on March 20, 2018;

5 (2) acknowledges the diligent efforts of individ-
6 uals and groups that promote the importance of so-
7 cial work and observe Social Work Month and World
8 Social Work Day;

9 (3) encourages individuals to engage in appro-
10 priate ceremonies and activities to promote further
11 awareness of the life-changing role that social work-
12 ers play; and

13 (4) with gratitude, recognizes the contributions
14 of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen
15 to serve their communities through social work.

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