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Supporting the goals and ideals of Social Work Month and World Social
Work Day on March 19, 2019.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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 and
World Social Work Day on March 19, 2019.

Whereas the social work profession is dedicated to enhancing
well-being and helping meet the basic needs of all people,
especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living
in poverty;

Whereas, in 2019, the theme of Social Work Month, “Elevate
Social Work”, embodies the need to recognize the ex-
traordinary contributions of the profession to the society
of the United States;

Whereas the social work profession is expected to grow faster
than average over the next 7 years, with more than
682,000 people expected to be employed as social workers
by 2026;

Whereas social workers elevate and empower people, giving them the ability to solve problems, cope with personal roadblocks, and get the resources they need to succeed;

Whereas the social work profession is deeply woven into the society of the United States, with social workers active in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, corporations, the military, and health care and mental health care settings;

Whereas social workers are the largest group of providers of mental health services in the United States, and the Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest employers of social workers who hold advanced degrees;

Whereas social workers travel across the United States and the world to help people in crisis, helping them overcome issues such as death and grief, epidemics, environmental pollution, and natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, and floods;

Whereas social workers have been at the forefront of social justice for decades, pushing for equal rights for women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ, and various ethnic, cultural, and religious groups;

Whereas, for more than a century, the social work profession has been on the cutting edge of helping to create changes to make the society of the United States a better place to live, including expanded voting rights, improved workplace safety, and the establishment of a minimum wage and social safety net programs that ameliorate poverty and hunger; and

Whereas social workers stand ready to help the society of the United States address current pressing issues, including

equal rights for all, the need for improved availability of health care and mental health services, immigration reform, voting rights, and the environmental impact of global warming: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Social
3 Work Month and World Social Work Day on March
4 19, 2019;

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 roles that social work-
12 ers play; and

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

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