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House Concurrent Resolution 4

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ (at the request of National Association of Social Workers)
(Presession filed.)

Whereas the social work profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society; and

Whereas social workers follow a code of ethics that compels them to fight social injustice and to respect the dignity and worth of all people; and

Whereas the social work profession is an evidence-based and innovative best practices social science discipline with rigorous, nationally accredited education at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and

Whereas social workers must complete their education, engage in an extended number of hours of practical post-graduate training and pass an exam to receive approval for licensure by the State Board of Licensed Social Workers; and

Whereas social workers must complete continuing education requirements to maintain their licensure; and

Whereas the social work profession adheres to strict standards of safety, quality and equity in delivering social services to the public; and

Whereas the practice of social work consists of the professional application of social work values, principles and techniques and requires knowledge of human development and behavior, including knowledge of social, economic and cultural institutions and of the interaction of all of these factors; and

Whereas social workers are present throughout our society, including government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military and health care and mental health care organizations; and

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

Whereas social workers engage in critically informed, nondiscriminatory, collaborative practice that addresses and challenges oppression and reflects respect, knowledge and skills related to race, color, ethnicity, culture, social and economic class, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, family structure, language, national origin, age, disability and religion; and

Whereas social workers continue to engage and bring together individuals, communities, agencies and government to help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day, including immigration reform, equal rights, affordable and accessible health care and mental health care for all, improving social determinants of health, systematic equity, institutional racism, structural racism and environmental justice; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, declare March as Social Work Month in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

Adopted by House February 14, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate March 13, 2023

Rob Wagner, President of Senate