

**RESOLUTION 010901**

**Proclaiming the month of March as Social Worker Month in Cuyahoga County.**

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WHEREAS, the National Association of Social Workers is the oldest and largest organization of professional social workers, with 155,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) initiated National Professional Social Work Month in 1962 as a time to honor social workers and raise the public's awareness of the important and often unnoticed work that social workers do; and

WHEREAS, NASW initiated a Social Worker of the Year Award in 1968 to publicly honor an outstanding member of the profession; and

WHEREAS, President Regan officially designated March as Social Work Month in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Since then, NASW kicks off a year-long national public service campaign every year in March; and

WHEREAS, many institutions honor their social work staff in ceremonies and special events and place editorials or advertisements in local newspapers to commend social workers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners employs social work staff in the Department of Children & Family Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio that said Board hereby proclaims March as Social Worker Month in Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board honors and thanks the social workers of the Department of Children & Family Services for their dedication and commitment to those in the community who need our help.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to William Denihan, Director, Department of Children & Family Services; and one copy to Mark A. McMillian, Sr. Public Information Officer, Department of Children & Family Services.

On Motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Campbell, McCormack, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Marjorie J. Pettus  
Clerk of the Board

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