

RESOLUTION 021001

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

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 public awareness of the important and often unnoticed work that social workers perform; and

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

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

WHEREAS, each year since 1984, the National Association of Social Workers kicks off a year-long national public service campaign in March to honor social workers for the valuable service they perform for society; 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 approximately 1,000 staff at the Department of Children & Family Services, 800 of whom are social workers working directly with vulnerable children and families; and

WHEREAS, the Social Workers at the Department of Children & Family Services work to protect our community's most vulnerable children from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Social Workers at the Department of Children & Family Services received 14,722 referrals, 3705 of which were accepted for ongoing 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 James McCafferty, Interim Director, Department of Children & Family Services.

On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, Jones, McCormack.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Marjorie J. Pettus,
Clerk of the Board

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