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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DEASY, WARREN, MURT, MACKENZIE, YOUNGBLOOD, HOWARD, GAINNEY,  
McCLINTON, GALLOWAY, ROEBUCK, O'MARA, SCHWEYER, HOHENSTEIN  
AND CONKLIN, JANUARY 30, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JANUARY 30, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2020 as "National Social Work  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The primary mission of social workers is to help  
4 individuals who need assistance with social problems and life  
5 complications; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 700,000 individuals in the United  
7 States, including 40,000 in Pennsylvania, hold social work  
8 degrees; and

9 WHEREAS, Social workers connect individuals, families and  
10 communities to available resources; and

11 WHEREAS, March 2020 marks the 65th anniversary of the  
12 National Association of Social Workers, founded in 1955; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the past six decades, the National Association  
14 of Social Workers and the social work profession have created  
15 positive changes in society and for individuals; and

1 WHEREAS, Social workers also make a difference in the lives  
2 of millions of Americans by helping to build, support and  
3 empower positive family and community relationships; and

4 WHEREAS, Social workers endeavor to make sure that everyone  
5 has access to the same basic rights, protections and  
6 opportunities; and

7 WHEREAS, Social workers have worked to improve the rights of  
8 women, African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, the LGBTQ  
9 community and those of various cultural, ethnic and religious  
10 groups; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers are often the driving force behind  
12 important social movements in the United States and abroad; and

13 WHEREAS, Social workers have also worked to strengthen the  
14 social safety net through programs such as Medicaid, Medicare  
15 and the Affordable Care Act; and

16 WHEREAS, Social workers have advocated for social justice  
17 initiatives, including voting rights and mental health services;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, There are more than 40 schools of social work in  
20 this Commonwealth, making Pennsylvania the second largest  
21 educator of social workers nationwide; and

22 WHEREAS, More than 11,000 licensed social workers practice  
23 throughout this Commonwealth; and

24 WHEREAS, All individuals, no matter their circumstances, may  
25 at some point in their lives need the expertise of a skilled  
26 social worker; and

27 WHEREAS, Social workers are trained to work in a holistic way  
28 to bring about positive changes on an individual, familial,  
29 communal and societal level; and

30 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Social Work

1 Month" is "Social Workers: Generations Strong"; and

2 WHEREAS, This year's theme embodies the heroic work of social  
3 workers who, for more than a century, have worked to make our  
4 society a better place to live; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
6 month of March 2020 as "National Social Work Month" in this  
7 Commonwealth and call upon all residents of this Commonwealth to  
8 join with the National Association of Social Workers -  
9 Pennsylvania Chapter, to celebrate and support social workers  
10 and the social work profession.