

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Commending and recognizing the numerous contributions made by South Dakota's social workers.

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social work pioneers helped lead America's struggle for social justice and pave the way for positive social change; and

WHEREAS, social workers have a unique understanding that more must be done to address persistent social problems; and

WHEREAS, social workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action everyday through major legislative, regulatory, and social policy victories; and

WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community, understanding that individuals and communities together can bring about group change; and

WHEREAS, social workers continue to work to improve the rights of women, Native Americans and other ethnic minorities, and the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, social workers apply their research and legislative advocacy skills to transform community needs into national priorities; and

WHEREAS, social workers know from experience that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, social workers know from experience that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems; and

WHEREAS, all children have the right to safe environments and quality education; and

WHEREAS, dignity and care-giving for older adults help define a nation's character; and

WHEREAS, veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and

WHEREAS, access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of lives;

and

WHEREAS, research shows that all people, no matter their circumstance, at some time in their lives, may need the expertise of a skilled social worker; and

WHEREAS, social workers celebrate the courage, hope, and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninetieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature of the State of South Dakota commends and recognizes the numerous contributions made by South Dakota's social workers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature designates March 2015, as National Social Work Month and calls upon all South Dakotans to join with the National Association of Social Workers, the South Dakota Chapter, and the State of South Dakota in celebration and support of the social work profession.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 24, 2015
February 26, 2015

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