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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The social work profession is dedicated to  
3 enhancing the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs  
4 of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society;  
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WHEREAS, Social workers embody this year's Social Work  
7 Month theme, "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions";  
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WHEREAS, The social work profession is expected to grow  
10 faster than average over the next seven years, with more than  
11 649,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by  
12 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Over 20,000 licensed social workers are present  
14 throughout our State, including in state and local government,  
15 schools, universities, social service agencies, the military,  
16 health care and mental health organizations, and owning and  
17 operating numerous private practice small businesses; and

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WHEREAS, Social workers are the largest group of providers  
19 of mental health services in Illinois and the U.S. Department  
20 of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest employers of social  
21 workers holding advanced degrees; and

1           WHEREAS, Social workers are present in times of crisis,  
2 helping people overcome issues such as death and grief and  
3 helping people and communities recover from natural disasters  
4 such as floods and hurricanes; and

5           WHEREAS, Social workers have pushed for decades to ensure  
6 rights for all, including women, African Americans, Latinos,  
7 people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ, and various  
8 ethnic, cultural, and religious groups; and

9           WHEREAS, The social work profession has helped bring about  
10 some of the most profound, positive changes in our society over  
11 the past century, including voting rights, improved workplace  
12 safety, minimum wage increases, and social safety net programs  
13 that help prevent poverty and hunger; and

14           WHEREAS, Social workers continue to engage and bring  
15 together individuals, communities, agencies, and government to  
16 help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day,  
17 including immigration reform, equal rights for all, affordable  
18 and adequate health care, mental health care, and environmental  
19 protection; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the month of

1 March of 2018 as Social Work Month in the State of Illinois;  
2 and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the National Association of Social  
5 Workers-Illinois Chapter with our sincere appreciation for  
6 their efforts.