

State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, for generations, social workers have worked to enhance the lives and well-being of all people, particularly those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, the social work profession is a diverse one that allows people of all ages, ethnicities, sexual identities, and religious backgrounds to make an immediate positive impact on those in their care; and

**WHEREAS**, social work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with more than 777,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers provide services in all areas of our society, including schools, centers for veterans, the military, hospitals and mental health centers, corporations, and in local, state and federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers have worked in collaboration with other professions, community groups, lawmakers, civil rights and other organizations to advocate for and advance the rights of women and children, seniors, people of color, Native Americans, LGBTQ people, veterans, and many other cultural, ethnic, and religious groups; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers have been and continue to stand ready to provide access to mental health treatment and health care services during times of crisis, including war and natural disasters such as floods, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes and pandemics;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of March as

**Social Work Month**

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-fifth day of February Two Thousand Twenty-One

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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Secretary of State  
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