Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION

in honor of the

SOCIAL WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, social work was developed from a common concern for humanity and belief in the dignity and worth of each individual, with a commitment to promoting the welfare of all individuals served and the dedication of working to promote social justice, equity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, social work provides a significant role in the system of services aimed at protecting children, elders and dependent adults from neglect, abuse and exploitation, and assisting families and individuals struggling with trauma and issues such as homelessness, mental health or substance use; and

WHEREAS, social workers often enter individual's and families' lives at their most difficult time, often after other approaches or interventions have been attempted by family, friends and neighbors, and work compassionately to support those who have complex stories, including unaddressed trauma and unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, social workers support families to care for their children and help ensure the safety, wellbeing and permanency of all children in the county; and

WHEREAS, social workers recognize the sovereignty and expertise of Tribes and work closely and collaboratively to ensure the safety, wellness and permanency of Tribal children and families; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide care and support through care providers to enable elders and people with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities, and help provide continued support to veterans and their families to ensure successful transitions after service; and

WHEREAS, social workers provide support to vulnerable members of our community assisting with connections to housing and health care, and advocating for Social Security benefits for those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, social workers collaborate with Public Health, Behavioral Health, educational institutions, medical professionals, Tribes and many other community agencies to make Humboldt County a nurturing, supportive, healthy environment for children, families, adults and communities; and

WHEREAS, social workers continue to fill their critical roles during adverse events which have impacted them, their clients and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, social workers in the county are a major force for positive community change, valuing diversity, equity and inclusion, recognizing the strengths of individuals, families and communities, and understanding that empowering people requires acknowledgment of their capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 2026 "Social Worker Appreciation Month" and recognizes, celebrates and honors social workers for all they do to enhance the wellbeing of individuals, families, communities and sovereign nations in the county.

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Mike Wilson, Chair