



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, school social workers in the State of Missouri and across the nation serve as vital members of the educational team, playing a central role in creating a positive school climate and vital partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success; and

WHEREAS, good mental health and well-being are essential for children to learn and grow to become successful, well-adjusted adults; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for local school districts and other educational agencies to address students' emotional, physical, and environmental needs; and

WHEREAS, school social workers have expertise in many areas, including mental health assessment and interventions, multi-tiered systems of support, school wide intervention strategies, behavior management, the needs of exceptional children, family dynamics affecting student achievement, bullying interventions, child abuse and neglect, as well as community resources that can assist in meeting the needs of students and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that school social workers be recognized for the important role they play in the lives and education of Missouri's students and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 5-11, 2023, to be

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS WEEK

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 2nd day of March, 2023.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE