



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic and complex needs of all people, with a particular focus on helping people who are vulnerable or living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all facets of our society, including schools, hospitals, community organizations, the military, mental health centers, social service agencies, corporations, and local, state, and federal government; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are on the frontlines in helping this nation solve pressing social problems, including an increased demand for mental health services and an opioid addiction crisis; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are in high demand, with some states reporting shortages in Social Work staffing and the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicting Social Work will be one of the fastest growing professions in our nation during this decade; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Social Work Month theme, "Empowering Social Workers" embodies the need for society to support Social Workers so they can continue to do their critical work and help address societal needs; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers in turn empower people, communities and our nation, helping everyone achieve their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 2024, to be

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in Missouri and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and National Association of Social Workers - Missouri Chapter in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

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 29th day of January, 2024.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE