

SOCIAL WORK MONTH PROCLAMATION MARCH 2017

WHEREAS, the primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of people, especially the most vulnerable. Social workers assist individuals and families in every stage of life, from all communities, by helping people function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems through a wide range of services; and

WHEREAS, social workers address daily the emotional, psychological, economic, and/or physical needs of people and encourage them to use their strengths, resilience, and self-advocacy to navigate life challenges; and

WHEREAS, school social workers are especially skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, divorce of parents, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning; and

WHEREAS, social workers are employed in many different organizations and industries, including private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and universities, businesses and foundations, military branches and veterans centers, as well as national and local elected offices; and

WHEREAS, social workers recognize and celebrate the courage, strength, and determination of the human spirit, and work to help others realize their own potential.

THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District does hereby proclaim March 2017 as Social Work Month.

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