

1 [Professional Social Work Month - March 2012]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 2012 as Professional Social Work Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and
7 help meet the basic needs of all people, especially those who are the most vulnerable; and

8 WHEREAS, The more than 640,000 social workers in the United States identify and
9 address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in
10 society; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers believe that a nation's strength depends on the ability of
12 the majority of its citizens to lead productive and health lives; and

13 WHEREAS, The social work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil and
14 human rights advances in the City and County of San Francisco, the United States, and
15 across the globe for more than a century; and

16 WHEREAS, Social workers help people, who are often navigating life's major
17 challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential; and

18 WHEREAS, Social workers function as counselors, therapists, resource referral
19 specialists, consultants, educators, community leaders, policymakers, elected officials, and
20 researchers; and

21 WHEREAS, Social workers are critical to adolescent and youth development, aging
22 and family care giving, child protections, health care navigation, mental and behavioral health
23 treatment, nonprofit management and community development, and poverty reduction; and

24 WHEREAS, Social workers influence many different organizations and human service
25 systems and are employed in San Francisco at mental health facilities, primary care clinics,

1 rehabilitation and drug treatment facilities, board and care facilities, juvenile hall, family court
2 services, hospices, hospitals, social service agencies, schools and jails; and

3 WHEREAS, Programs and services provided by professional social workers are
4 essential elements of San Francisco's and the nation's social safety net; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month
6 of March 2012 as Professional Social Work Month in the City and County of San Francisco;
7 and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors call upon
9 citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers and SEIU 1021 in celebration
10 and support of the social work profession.

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