

1 [National Social Work Month - March 2016]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 2016 as National Social Work Month in the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco and calling upon all citizens to join with the National Association of**
5 **Social Work to celebrate and support the social work profession.**

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7 WHEREAS, The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance well-being
8 and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

9 WHEREAS, Social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States with
10 more than 640,000 practitioners; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers work in all areas of our society to improve happiness,
12 health and prosperity in all areas of our society, including in government, schools, universities,
13 social service agencies, communities, the military, and mental health and health care facilities;
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15 WHEREAS, Social workers daily embody this year's Social Work Month theme,
16 "Forging Solutions Out of Challenges," by helping individuals, communities and the larger
17 society tackle and solve issues that confront them; and

18 WHEREAS, Social workers have helped this nation live up to its ideals by successfully
19 pushing for equal rights for all, including women, African Americas, Latinos, people who are
20 LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and

21 WHEREAS, Social workers have helped people in this nation overcome racial strife
22 and economic and health care uncertainty by successfully advocating for initiatives such as
23 Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workplace safety, Social Security benefits, the Civil
24 Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, and the Affordable Care Act; and

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1 WHEREAS, Social workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the
2 United States and work daily to help people overcome depression, anxiety, substance abuse,
3 and other conditions so that they can lead more fulfilling lives; and

4 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs employs more than 12,000
5 professional social workers and social workers help bolster our nation’s security by providing
6 support to active duty military personnel, veterans and their families; and

7 WHEREAS, Thousands of children, family, and school based social workers across the
8 country help protect children, improve the social and psychological functioning of children and
9 their families; and work with families and schools to foster future generations by ensuring
10 students reach their full academic and personal potential; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers work with older adults and their families to improve their
12 quality of life and ability to live independently as long as possible and access quality mental
13 health and health care; and

14 WHEREAS, Social workers have helped the United States and other nations overcome
15 earthquakes, floods, wars and other disasters by helping survivors obtain food, shelter, health
16 care, and mental health care to address stress and anxiety; and

17 WHEREAS, In the Bay Area, social workers are graduating from programs at San
18 Francisco State University School of Social Work, University of California Berkeley School of
19 Social Welfare, San Jose State University School of Social of Social Work, and California
20 State University East Bay Department of Social Work; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America’s
22 social workers, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, proclaim
23 March 2016 as National Social Work Month; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls upon all citizens to join
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3 profession.

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