



Proclamation
Presented
In Recognition of
Professional Social Work Month

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped America's leaders weave together the nation's social safety net with the primary mission to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable; the Social Work profession creates pathways to full participation in society; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help clients use their strengths, resilience and self-advocacy to navigate life challenges; Social Workers address the emotional, psychological, economic and/or physical needs of millions of people; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people function in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family challenges through a wide range of psychosocial services; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers advocate for fairness and access to resources that benefit the most people; the profession is currently one of the fastest growing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are employed in a variety of 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 public elected offices; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers celebrate the courage, strength and determination of the human spirit, and work to empower others to hope, dream and believe in their own potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March, 2013, as

"PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in in celebration and support of the Social Work profession and recognize that our Nation and State thrives in large part because of the contributions of America's 650,000 Social Workers nationwide, including approximately 3,000 social workers in Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth of March, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i