



# Proclamation

*Presented to*

## The National Association of Social Workers

**WHEREAS, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW)** declares that the primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

**WHEREAS, the NASW** believes that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated, with the knowledge that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

**WHEREAS, the NASW** helps lead America's struggle for social justice by standing up for individuals and supporting diverse families in every community; and

**WHEREAS, the NASW** assists people in every stage of life to function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems; the NASW asserts that all children have the right to safe environments and quality education, and the dignity of caregiving for older adults helps define a nation's character; and

**WHEREAS, the NASW** underlines that veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and

**WHEREAS, the NASW** emphasizes that access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of lives; and

**WHEREAS, the NASW** works toward shared prosperity and opportunity for all, using social work research and advocacy to turn community needs into national priorities as change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action; and

**WHEREAS, the NASW** recognizes the numerous contributions made by America's 600,000 social workers, including over 3,000 social workers in Hawai'i;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as

## "PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebration and support of the social work profession.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of March 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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