



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Human Services and Health Services

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Karen Fies, 565-6990 and Barbie Robinson, 565-4777

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisory District(s):** Countywide

### **Recommended Action:**

Adopt a Resolution declaring March 2020 as National Professional Social Worker Month in Sonoma County.

### **Executive Summary:**

In 1984 the White House officially designated March as National Professional Social Worker Month. Annually, the Board of Supervisors has designated the month of March as National Professional Social Worker Month in Sonoma County. The social work profession is noteworthy for its emphasis on ethics and values, its respect for diversity, its advocacy for social and economic justice, and its rigorous academic, field, and professional training. The Sonoma County Human Services and the Health Services Departments, combined, employ 202 Social Workers and recognize March as National Professional Social Worker Month in Sonoma County to highlight their important work in our local community.

### **Discussion:**

The primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Social Workers are on the front lines, developing, advocating and delivering social programs that are responsive to human needs such as homelessness, poverty, family crisis, abuse, mental illness, disability, alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence and many other issues. Social Workers strengthen communities, expand opportunities for the individuals and families they work with, and work to facilitate humane changes in policies and legislation that will improve lives.

Two hundred and two (202) Social Workers are employed by the County of Sonoma currently. Sonoma County Social Workers have chosen their careers in order to make a significant impact in the lives of children, youth, families, older adults and persons with disabilities. They have specialized skills in family assessment, interviewing, information and resource referral, case management, community outreach, legal and court services, and advocacy. Social Workers demonstrate dedication, leadership, and commitment to social change and the well-being of all people 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. The efforts and dedication of Sonoma County Social Workers are truly appreciated.

Each March, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has joined with the Directors of the Human Services Department and the Health Services Department to recognize the efforts and dedication of the Sonoma County Social Workers. The Board values our Social Worker's contributions and recognizes the exemplary service of the professionally trained Social Workers who serve this community.

### **Prior Board Actions:**

Each March, the Board of Supervisors honors Social Workers by declaring the month of March as Social Worker Month in Sonoma County.

3-12-19

3-13-18

3-17-17

3-15-16

3-10-15

#### FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

#### Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

#### Attachments:

Resolution

#### Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None

