

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic and complex needs of all people; and
- Whereas,** social workers put a particular focus on helping people who are vulnerable, oppressed or living in poverty; and
- Whereas,** social workers follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to fight social injustice and respect the dignity and worth of all people; and
- Whereas,** social workers meet people where they are and help people and communities reach their full potential; and
- Whereas,** social workers work in all facets of our society, including schools, hospitals, community organizations, the military, mental health centers, social service agencies, corporations, and local, state, and federal government; and
- Whereas,** social workers are on the frontlines in helping this nation solve pressing social problems, including an increased demand for mental health services; an opioid addiction crisis; and economic inequality; and
- Whereas,** social workers are in high demand, with some states reporting shortages in social work staffing and the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicting social work will be one of the fastest growing professions in our nation during this decade; and
- Whereas,** the 2024 *Social Work Month* theme, “*Empowering Social Workers*” embodies the need for society to support Social Workers so they can continue to do the life-affirming work they do and help address societal needs.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved** that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2024* as:


### *Social Work Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

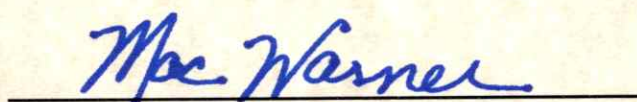
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State