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**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN**

**Proclaiming March 2023 as National Social Work Month**

The National Association of Social Workers has designated March as “National Social Work Month” in recognition of the positive and significant impact social workers have in the lives of children, adults, seniors, and families countywide. This year’s theme is “Social Work Breaks Barriers.”

Each day social workers help break down barriers that prevent people from living more fulfilling, enriched lives. They work on the individual level, helping people overcome personal crises like food insecurity, lack of affordable housing, limited access to good health care and public transportation services. They provide assistance to children, older adults, and those who are disabled so they can remain safely in their own homes. They also advocate on a systems level to ensure laws and policies are adopted so everyone can access these vital services. Today, we recognize social workers throughout Los Angeles County (County) for their heroic contributions and for protecting, advocating, and standing up for all our residents.

Social workers are integral in the work that the County does. Social workers help people navigate life challenges and play a critical role in numerous County Departments including, but not limited to, Children and Family Services, Public Social Services, Public Defender, Public Health, Mental Health, Health Services, Law Offices of the Alternate Public Defender, Auditor-Controller, District Attorney, and Aging and Disabilities. The County will continue to rely on social workers’

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expertise and skills as they continue to pursue social justice and seek solutions to inequity in our society, including systemic racism and homelessness.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Declare the month of March 2023 as Social Work Month;
- 2) Recognize social workers throughout Los Angeles County (County) for their heroic contributions and for helping to meet the basic needs and improving the well-being of County residents.

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