



## **SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2019 PROCLAMATION SOCIAL WORKERS: Elevate Social Work**

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society;

WHEREAS, Social Workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "ELEVATE Social Work";

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next seven years, with more than 649,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2024;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are present throughout our society, including the government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military and in health care and mental health organizations;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of suppliers of mental health services in the United States and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest employers of social workers holding advanced degrees;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are present in times of crisis, helping people overcome issues such as death and grief and helping people and communities recover from natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have pushed for decades to ensure rights for all, including women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups;

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession has helped bring about some of the most profound, positive changes in our society over the past century, including voting rights, improved workplace safety, minimum wage and social safety net programs that help prevent poverty and hunger;

WHEREAS, Social Workers continue to engage and bring together individuals, communities, agencies and government to help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day, including immigration reform, equal rights for all, affordable and good health care and mental health care for all; and protecting the environment;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers, I Renee A. Paschall proclaim the month of March **2019** as National Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and Judson Independent School District [your organization] in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.