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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019-2020 REGULAR SESSION

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NO. 14

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February 19, 2019

Relative to Social Work Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 14, as amended, Eggman.

WHEREAS, March 2019 is recognized nationally as Social Work Month, and this year's theme is, "Elevate Social Work"; and

WHEREAS, The social work profession has its roots in the 1889 Chicago settlement house movement led by the "Mother of Social Work," Jane Addams; and

WHEREAS, The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance and meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs of, and empowerment through social action and social justice for, those who are poor, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Today, there are over 680,000 professional social workers in the United States, over 68,000 of whom are in California; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 8,000 graduate students in the social work pipeline in 23 accredited California State University, University of California, and private programs throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Professional social workers train in an intensive combination of classroom and community experiences focused on individuals, families, and communities in crisis and in need of help; and

WHEREAS, Professional social workers provide services across the age spectrum, from prenatal to end of life services; and

WHEREAS, Professional social workers serve in diverse settings, including schools, courtrooms, health clinics, hospitals, senior centers, homeless shelters, nursing homes, the military, disaster relief, prisons, corporations, and in political office; and

WHEREAS, For decades, social workers have been in the forefront of social justice, pushing for equal-right rights for women, African Americans, Latinos, people with disabilities, people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer, and various ethnic, cultural, and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, For more than a century, professional social workers have been on the cutting edge of helping create changes to make our society a better place to live, including voting rights, improved workplace safety, a minimum wage, and social safety net programs that ameliorate poverty and hunger; and

WHEREAS, Professional social workers stand ready to help our society overcome current pressing issues, including equal rights for all, the need for improved availability of health care and mental health services, immigration reform, voting rights, and the environmental impact of global warming; and

WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have served in Congress include the Honorable Ron Dellums, MSW, the Honorable Barbara Lee, MSW, the Honorable Karen Bass, MSW, and the Honorable Susan Davis, MSW, and professional social workers who have served in the California State Legislature include the Honorable Mary Salas, BSW, the Honorable Patty Berg, B.A. in social work, the Honorable Mariko Yamada, MSW, and the Honorable Tony Thurmond, MSW; and

WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have combined their leadership skills and knowledge of community development into distinguished positions include Arturo Rodriguez, MSW, former President of the United Farm Workers of America, Terrence Roberts, MSW, PHD, PhD, original member of the Little Rock Nine and former Assistant Dean-in of the UCLA School of Social Welfare, and Caitlyn Ryan, LCSW, Director of the Family Acceptance Project; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That March 2019 is proclaimed Social Work Month in the State of California, and the Assembly commends the California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers for its role in advancing professional social work and promoting the well-being of the people of California, and also encourages all Californians to take part in March "Elevate Social Work" events throughout California: and be it further

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Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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