

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING MARCH 2018 AS NATIONAL
SOCIAL WORK MONTH.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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; and

WHEREAS, social workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions."; and

WHEREAS, the social work profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next 7 years, with more than 649,000 people expected to be employed nationally as social workers by 2024; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 5,000 professional social workers in the State of Idaho; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

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

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 high-quality health care and mental health care for all, as well as protecting the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's social workers, we proclaim March 2018 as National Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and the Legislature of the State of Idaho in celebration and support of the social work profession.