

No. R-171. House concurrent resolution designating March 10, 2022, as Social Worker Advocacy Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.107)

Offered by: Representatives Vyhovsky of Essex, Pugh of South Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Donnally of Hyde Park, and Rachelson of Burlington

Whereas, the social work profession's primary mission is "to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people," and

Whereas, there are numerous types of social work relating to administration and management, advocacy and community organization, aging, child welfare, developmental disabilities, health care, international development, justice and corrections, mental health and clinical services, mental health and substance abuse services, occupational and employees assistance, policy and planning, politics, public welfare, research, and school programs, and

Whereas, with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, social workers have confronted new logistical and societal challenges, and

Whereas, the pandemic has placed new stresses on individuals and families, whose economic, employment, educational, and daily living situations have fundamentally changed, and social workers have worked diligently with their clients to meet these unprecedented circumstances, and

Whereas, lockdowns and group gathering restrictions have prompted innovative practice approaches, including the use of two-way video technologies to meet with clients, and

Whereas, the societal role of social workers has now assumed a new and urgent importance, and while visiting the State House, Vermont's social workers have been explaining these changing dynamics to the members of the General Assembly, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 10, 2022, as Social Worker Advocacy Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers