

No. R-87. House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2023 as Social Work Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.68)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, social workers have endeavored for more than a century to improve human well-being and enhance the basic needs of all people, and the profession's code of ethics is a directive to fight social injustice, and

Whereas, child welfare agencies, community centers, hospitals, schools, and all levels of government are settings in which social workers are employed, and they are on the frontlines of the nation's opioid addiction crisis, and

Whereas, social workers are advocates on behalf of all individuals, including persons of color and Indigenous heritage, those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+, and those who follow various religious faiths, and

Whereas, in 2023, social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with approximately 708,000 persons employed, and

Whereas, in 1963, the National Association of Social Workers established Social Work Month, and in 2023, on the 60th anniversary of this professional commemoration, the theme is "Social Work Breaks Barriers," reflecting how social workers "help empower individuals, families, communities, and our society to overcome hurdles that prevent them from achieving better well-being," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2023 as Social Work Month in Vermont, and be it further

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