

# State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

## Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 213

Offered by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington and Cina of Burlington

Offered by Senator Vyhovsky

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2026 as Social Work Month in Vermont

*Whereas*, for more than a century, social workers in Vermont have worked to improve human well-being, advocate for justice, and support everyone's basic needs, and

*Whereas*, the positive impact of social workers on the lives of millions of Americans is experienced at hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and within the federal, state, and local governments, and

*Whereas*, social workers follow a code of ethics that requires them to stand for equity in every community, uphold human dignity, and fight injustice, and

*Whereas*, these stellar professionals are on the frontlines defending vulnerable populations, including immigrants, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, and those facing discrimination or poverty, while uplifting vital social safety net programs and ensuring the rights of everyone, and

*Whereas*, social workers assist those navigating trauma, grief, and systemic biases and help individuals recover from natural disasters and public health crises, transforming lives in encouraging ways, and

*Whereas*, vital roles for social workers are confronting oppression and racism, advocating for human rights, and advancing fair policies for all, and

*Whereas*, social workers care for those who have mental health issues and who are recovering from substance use disorders, and they support the well-being of children, and

*Whereas*, according to the National Association of Social Workers, the number of social workers in the United States has risen from 715,000 in 2020 to 810,000 in 2026, and, since 1963, March has been observed in the United States as Social Work Month, and

*Whereas*, the 2026 theme for Social Work Month is "Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform." encompassing "the prime mission of the social work profession – to enhance human well-being, meet the basic human needs of all people, and put special attention on the needs and empowerment of people [who] are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty," *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2026 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 Vermont chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.