

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Social workers are highly skilled professionals whose hard work and dedication improve the lives of many citizens of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas Social workers are dedicated to improving the society in which we live by guaranteeing that everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities while connecting individuals, families and communities to available resources; and

Whereas Professional social workers use their education, training, and commitment to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices; and

Whereas Professional social workers are found in a wide variety of fields, including Fortune 500 companies, courts, mental health centers, managed care companies, schools, child welfare agencies, nursing homes, health care settings, employee assistance programs, and public and private agencies; and

Whereas The success of social workers and social service agencies is enhanced by the support of Massachusetts communities and citizens,

Now, Therefore, I, **Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 2014, to be,

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fifth day of March, in the year two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts