

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation


- WHEREAS,** the social work is dedicated to enhancing well-being and helping meet the basic needs of all people, especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty; and
- WHEREAS,** this year's Social Work Month theme, "Elevate Social Work" embodies the need to recognize the extraordinary contributions of the profession to our society; and
- WHEREAS,** the Social Work profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next seven years, with more than 682,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2026; and
- WHEREAS,** social workers elevate and empower people, giving them the ability to solve problems, cope with personal roadblocks and get the resources they need to succeed, and are active in government, schools, social service agencies, communities, corporations, the military and in health care and mental health care settings; and
- WHEREAS,** social workers travel across the nation and world to help people in crisis, helping them overcome issues such as death and grief, epidemics, environmental pollution and natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes and floods; and
- WHEREAS,** Social Workers for decades have been in the forefront on social justice, pushing for equal rights for women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQIA and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and
- WHEREAS,** the Social Work Profession for more than a century has been on the cutting edge of helping create changes to make our society a better place to live, including voting rights, improved workplace safety, a minimum wage and social safety net programs that ameliorate poverty and hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 2019 as

SOCIAL WORK MONTH


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of February, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs