



*Proclamation*  
*In Recognition of*  
**Social Work Month**

**WHEREAS**, social workers are dedicated professionals who care about people, want to make a difference, speak up against injustice, and work to improve social conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) declares that the primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

**WHEREAS**, NASW asserts that all children have the right to a healthy and safe environment and quality education, and elderly adults have the right to dignity of caregiving; and

**WHEREAS**, access to community support for veterans and their families is a major priority to ensure their successful transition after service; and

**WHEREAS**, NASW emphasizes that access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of lives; and

**WHEREAS**, NASW Hawai'i is actively involved in advocacy at the state and local level, working with the Women's Legislative Coalition, Keiki Caucus, Kupuna Caucus and the Mental Health Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, NASW Hawai'i provides resources for members, raises funds for scholarships, recognizes those who make significant contributions in the field of social work or support social work causes; and

**WHEREAS**, the numerous contributions made by over 600,000 social workers in the country, including over 3,000 in Hawai'i, should be recognized because they provide much needed services that improve the well-being of everyone in our community;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

**“SOCIAL WORK MONTH”**

and ask that the citizens of the Aloha State join us in recognizing the importance of the social work profession and the invaluable contributions of social workers in bringing about positive change in our community.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this sixteenth day of March 2017.

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i