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DATE: February 27, 2024 (Item No. {{item.number}})

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel Little, Director, Social Services Agency

SUBJECT: 2024 National Social Work Month

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Proclamation declaring March 2024 as “Social Work Month” in Santa Clara County.
(Social Services Agency)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

The Social Services Agency (SSA) would like to recognize the dedicated and hardworking social work staff who enhance the well-being of society’s most vulnerable individuals and families, and help them meet their basic needs. Social workers are essential to the community well-being, provide positive contributions and effect positive change to children, youth, families, older adults, veterans, and the entire community. As such, SSA, requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt March 2024 as Social Work Month.

Since 1984, March has been recognized nationally as Social Work Month. Social work staff, each and every day, strive to improve communities by increasing happiness, health, and prosperity in all areas of our society, including schools, universities, governmental entities, social service agencies, community-based organizations, the military, and mental health and health care facilities. Thousands of social workers provide assistance that protect children, families, dependent adults, and seniors across the nation. A proclamation recognizing the importance of the service provided by SSA’s social work staff is attached.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on children and youth.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The proclamation declaring March 2024 as Social Work Month will not be adopted as a consequence of negative action.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board is asked to process four framed proclamations and to notify SSA's Cleo Howell and Jessica Castillo to arrange for pick up. The four framed proclamations will be presented to social work staff by SSA.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Social Work Month Proclamation