

Rep. Hovey-Wright offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 36.**

A resolution to declare March 2015 as Social Work Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The primary mission of the social work profession has been to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

Whereas, Social work pioneers have helped lead America's struggle for social justice and pave the way for positive social change; and

Whereas, Social workers – more than any other profession – recognize that more must be done to address persistent social problems; and

Whereas, Social workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through major legislative, regulatory, and social policy victories; and

Whereas, Social workers support diverse families in every community, understanding that individuals and communities together can bring about group change; and

Whereas, Social workers continue to work to improve the rights of women, African Americans and other ethnic minorities, and the LGBT community; and

Whereas, Social workers apply their research and legislative advocacy skills to transform community needs into national priorities; and

Whereas, Social workers know from experience that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated, and that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

Whereas, Social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems; and

Whereas, All children have the right to safe environments and quality education; and

Whereas, Dignity and care-giving for older adults help define a nation's character; and

Whereas, Veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and

Whereas, Access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of lives; and

Whereas, Research shows that all people, no matter their circumstances, at some time in their lives, may need the expertise of a skilled social worker; and

Whereas, Social workers celebrate the courage, hope, and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers; and

Whereas, The National Association of Social Workers is celebrating its 60th year in 2015 and is an organization committed to supporting the social work profession and bringing positive change to American society; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2015 as Social Work Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the numerous contributions made by more than 600,000 American social workers and join in this celebration and support of the social work profession.