



Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "**Social Workers are Essential**," embodies the heroic contributions of the Social Work profession to our state, evidenced by the support Social Workers have provided to children, individuals, families, and communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers in Healthcare serving on the frontlines during the pandemic have provided crisis intervention, support, and hope to patients and their loved ones facing uncertain outcomes and substantial grief; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers have worked with children and families throughout the pandemic to ensure students reach their full academic and personal potential; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the United States and work daily to help people overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses, which have been exacerbated by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers serving in child welfare have risked their own health during this pandemic to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Nevada's children, which includes responding to and assessing reports of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have played and continue to play a crucial role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in Nevada, especially in the areas of healthcare, child welfare, mental health, education, and supporting vulnerable populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as:

"SOCIAL WORK MONTH"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 22nd day of February 2021.



ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:



LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk

