

PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Every March, National Professional Social Work Month is observed to recognize the work that over 682,000 social workers throughout the nation provide by acting as advocates, champions, and leaders who make our society a better and healthier place to live; and

WHEREAS: In a recent study, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that there are 682,100 social worker jobs in the United States and that the social worker employment rate is expected to grow 16% between 2016 and 2026, a much faster growth rate than the average career in the United States, with Child and Family Social Worker and Clinical Social Worker ranking among the Top 100 Best Jobs of 2019; and

WHEREAS: The ratio of social workers to populations varies widely in the United States, ranging from 80 social workers per 100,000 people in Arkansas to 572 social workers per 100,000 in Washington, DC, with the northeastern states having high numbers of social workers per capita and the southern states having fewer social workers per capita; and

WHEREAS: Social workers are becoming less focused on solving problems and more focused on primary prevention, including providing interventions in advance to prevent problems from ever occurring in at-risk populations; and

WHEREAS: The two main types of social workers include direct-service social workers who help people solve and cope with problems in their everyday lives, and clinical social workers who diagnose and treat mental, behavioural, and emotional issues. These social worker work in a variety of settings, including mental health clinics, schools, hospitals, and private practices; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville, we recognize the important work that social workers perform on a daily basis to keep our communities thriving and healthy through their guidance, leadership, and programs.

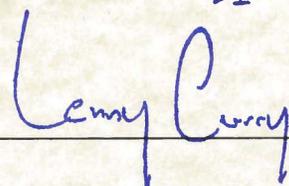
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

SOCIAL WORKER MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the selfless work and community engagement provided by social workers throughout our local communities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16th day of March
in the year Two Thousand '21



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA