

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 85

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7 A Resolution relating to social workers; applauding  
8 and supporting the goals and ideals of social workers  
9 in this state; recognizing the contributions of  
10 individuals who serve their communities through  
11 social work; encouraging young people to seek out  
12 educational and professional opportunities to become  
13 social workers; and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, social workers promote social, political and economic  
15 justice and change on behalf of all people; and

16 WHEREAS, the mission of the social work profession is rooted in  
17 the core values of service, social justice, integrity, dignity and  
18 worth of the person, importance of human relationships, and  
19 competence, and these core values are the foundation of the social  
20 worker's purpose and perspective; and

21 WHEREAS, the field of social work is unique in its dual aims of  
22 providing individual prevention, treatment and care while improving  
23 social conditions; and

24 WHEREAS, throughout the profession's history, social workers  
have sought to ensure that all people have equal access to the

1 resources and opportunities that allow them to meet their basic  
2 needs; and

3 WHEREAS, social workers have helped craft national policies for  
4 social security, civil rights, disability rights, child protection,  
5 fair pay, mental health parity, and numerous other programs that  
6 support Oklahoma families; and

7 WHEREAS, the practice of social work requires knowledge of human  
8 development and behavior, of social, economic and cultural  
9 institutions, and of the interaction of all these factors; and

10 WHEREAS, social workers provide education and invaluable  
11 experience to lead individuals, families, and entire communities  
12 through intricate social issues and life choices in order to enhance  
13 human well-being and promote empowerment and self-determination; and

14 WHEREAS, social workers permeate all facets of society, from  
15 hospitals to schools, from group homes to mental health clinics, and  
16 consistently strive to develop, promote and improve methods of care  
17 and best practices; and

18 WHEREAS, social workers delve into a myriad of public services  
19 in the interests of social justice by participating in activities  
20 such as community organization, consultation administration,  
21 advocacy, social and political action, policy development and  
22 implementation, education, and research and evaluation; and

23 WHEREAS, social workers are committed to a mission of great  
24 purpose to create infinite possibilities for future generations.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
2 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds and supports the goals  
4 and ideals of social workers in this state.

5 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes with gratitude the  
6 contributions of the countless caring individuals who serve their  
7 communities through social work.

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages young people to seek  
9 out educational and professional opportunities to become social  
10 workers.

11 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma  
12 Chapter of the National Association for Social Workers and the  
13 National Association of Social Workers.

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