

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.109

Senator Chang, Alexander, Brinks, Geiss and Polehanki offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate March 2020 as Social Work Month.

2 Whereas, The social work profession is dedicated to enhancing
3 an individual's well-being and helping meet the basic needs of all
4 people, especially the most vulnerable members of society; and

5 Whereas, Social workers truly embody this year's social work
6 month theme, "Generations Strong" by serving, advocating for, and
7 empowering millions of people daily; and

8 Whereas, One of the fastest growing careers in the United
9 States is social work with more than 650,000 people expected by
10 2024; and

11 Whereas, Social workers are the largest group of mental health

1 care providers in the United States who work daily to assist people
2 in overcoming substance abuse disorders and mental illnesses such
3 as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

4 Whereas, Society's important issues are solved by social
5 workers who engage and bring together individuals, communities,
6 agencies, and governments; and

7 Whereas, Social workers have empowered this nation to live up
8 to its ideals by successfully pushing for equal rights for all
9 including women and people of color; and

10 Whereas, Profound and positive changes have been made with the
11 guidance of social workers including voting rights, workplace
12 safety, and social safety net programs to combat poverty and
13 hunger; and

14 Whereas, Social workers help in schools, with families, and
15 individuals to foster the full potential of all persons; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
18 body commemorate March 2020 as Social Work Month; and be it further

19 Resolved, That we recognize the numerous contributions made by
20 social workers across this state and the country and join in this
21 celebration and support of the social work profession.