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Council  
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**WHEREAS**, social workers follow the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics, which calls on members of the profession to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with almost 650,000 members of the profession; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers work in all areas of society to improve quality of life, health and prosperity, including in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military, and mental health, health care and correctional facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States and work daily to help people overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety, substance abuse, and other disorders so they can lead more fulfilling lives; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers help our nation's veterans recover from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD) and other effects of their military service, and it is also members of this profession that are on the frontlines dealing with the perpetrators, victims and survivors of gun violence with services to address health care, and mental health care, stress and anxiety; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers embody this year's Social Work Month Theme "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions" by leading, advocating for, and championing their vital role in the empowerment process for millions of Americans each day; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers have helped this nation live up to its ideals by successfully pushing for decades to ensure equal rights for all, including women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ+ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers have been behind and advocated for legislation and policies that reduce racial discord, including renewal of the Voting Rights Act, the Violence Against Women Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workplace safety and social security benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of child, family, and school social workers across the country provide assistance to protect children and improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families. Social workers help them find loving homes and create new families through adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers in academic settings work with families and schools to foster future generations by ensuring students reach their full academic, social and personal potential; and

**WHEREAS**, social workers work with older adults and their families to improve their quality of life and ability to live independently as long as possible and get access to quality mental health and health care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that Council officially recognizes March 2018 as Social Work Month. This legislative body thanks social workers throughout our city, county, state and nation for the numerous contributions they make each day and join in this celebration and support of the social work profession.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution supports the important work of social workers throughout Wilmington and the rest of the country, and recognizes March 2018 as Social Work Month.