

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

Social Work Month

March 2025

WHEREAS, people have entered the social work profession for generations because they genuinely care about helping improve the welfare of people, families, communities and our nation

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Work: Compassion + Action," embodies the fact that social workers go through years of education and training, so they have the skills and expertise to transform their care for others into action that brings positive results;

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession has worked for generations to improve living conditions in our nation, promoting and advocating for positive change in their local communities, state and nation;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for those without a voice;

WHEREAS, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics, which sets as the primary mission of the Social Work profession the enhancement of human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty;

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with more than 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2033;

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society - including schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and government - helping people, family and communities secure services and policies they need to thrive;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are at the forefront of pressing issues our nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health care, especially for children and adolescents; and substance use disorder treatment;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support, which helps strengthen families that are under stress, and help create new families through adoption;

WHEREAS, Social Workers stand alongside adults as they navigate life's challenges with aging and advocate for their well-being and right to dignity;

WHEREAS, research proves the presence of Social Workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients and residents;

WHEREAS, Social Workers continue to stand ready to assist our nation in overcoming present and future challenges, including ending gun violence, improving health care and mental health care for all and creating a healthy, brighter tomorrow for all;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Alamance County's Social Workers, The Alamance County Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of March 2025 as National Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and Alamance County Department of Social Services in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

Signed this 3rd day of March 2025

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John Paisley Jr., Chairman

Attest:

Tory Frink, Clerk to the Board