

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** social workers positively impact the lives of millions of Americans daily, in hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and within the federal, state, and local governments nationwide; and
- Whereas,** for more than a century, social workers have worked to improve human well-being and support everyone's basic needs; and
- Whereas,** social workers enter this profession out of a deep commitment to serve others and strengthen the lives of people, their families, and communities; and
- Whereas,** the 2026 theme, "*Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform.*" highlights the dedication of social workers who support individuals and families while promoting hope, stability, and resilience in the communities they serve, especially during times of change and challenge; and
- Whereas,** social workers follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to uphold human dignity and act in the best interests of the people and communities they serve; and
- Whereas,** social workers serve individuals and families facing poverty, instability, and barriers to services, and assist with accessing services and protections across a range of community settings; and
- Whereas,** social workers assist individuals and families navigating trauma, grief, and long-term challenges, and support people during times of personal or community hardship while working to promote long-term well-being; and
- Whereas,** social workers work to reduce barriers to services, build on individual and community strengths, and support efforts that strengthen families, improve public health, and enhance community stability; and
- Whereas,** social workers care for individuals experiencing mental health challenges, support people in recovery from substance use disorders, and promote the safety and well-being of children and families.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2026* as:

## *National Social Work Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.

  
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*Patrick Morrisey*

*Governor*

*By the Governor:*

  
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*Secretary of State*