



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all areas of our society to improve happiness, health and prosperity, including in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military and mental health and health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, many Social Workers assist people in overcoming depression, anxiety, substance abuse and other disorders so they can lead more fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs employs more than 12,000 professional Social Workers and Social Workers help bolster our nation's security by providing support to active duty military personnel, veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with nearly 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2028;

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;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help children find loving homes and create new families through adoption, and work with families and schools to help ensure that students reach their full academic 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; and

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers Are Essential," embodies the heroic contributions of social workers across our country; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have made exceptional contributions in improving the well-being of the citizens of Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

Social Work Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eighth day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Hargett".

Secretary of State

