



"SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2017 PROCLAMATION" "SOCIAL WORKERS STAND UP!"

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 embody this year's Social Work Month Theme, "Social Workers Stand Up!" by serving, advocating for, and empowering millions of Americans each day; 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, Social Workers have pushed for decades to ensure equal rights for all; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have been behind and continue to advocate for legislation and policies that reduce racial discord, including renewal of the Voting Rights Act, The Violence Against Women's Act, The Civil Rights Act, the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workplace safety and Social Security benefits; 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 abuse disorders and mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers across the United States and the world, assist people in overcoming hardships due to earthquakes, floods, wars, and other disasters and return to peace and prosperity; and

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers, The City of North Port proclaims the month of March 2017 as

National Social Work Month

and call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers and North Port Social Services in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of March 2017.

ATTEST:	CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC	Linda M. Yates, Mayor
City Clerk	Vanessa Carusone, Vice-Mayor
	Christopher B. Hanks, Commissioner
	Debbie McDowell, Commissioner