

**SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2019 PROCLAMATION**  
**"ELEVATE SOCIAL WORK"**

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is dedicated to enhancing well-being and helping meet the basic needs of all people, especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "**Elevate Social Work**" embodies the need to recognize the extraordinary contributions of the profession to our society; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next seven years, with more than 682,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2026; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers elevate and empower people, giving them the ability to solve problems, cope with personal roadblocks and get the resources they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is deeply weaved into our society with social workers active in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, corporations, the military and in health care and mental health care settings; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for more than a century has been on the cutting edge of helping create changes to make our society a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers stand ready to help our society overcome current pressing issues, including equal rights for all, the need for improved availability of health care and mental health services; and immigration reform.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers, the Ashe County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of March 2019 as Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and Ashe County Department of Social Services in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

Duly adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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Todd McNeill, Chairman  
Ashe County Board of Commissioners

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