

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Proclamation Designating March as Social Work Month

PRESENTER: Lorie Horne, Director

ATTACHMENTS: Yes – Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Department of Social Services has requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a Proclamation, designating March as Social Work Month in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to review the attached Proclamation, and to adopt it as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board adopt the attached Proclamation, designating March as Social Work Month in Henderson County.

Henderson County Board of Commissioners

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PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

WHEREAS, Social Workers in the Henderson County Department of Social Services are dedicated professionals who serve as frontline defenders of safety, work tirelessly to protect children from harm, support families, and shield older adults and individuals with disabilities from abuse and exploitation, ensuring our most vulnerable population is safe and supported; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County Social Workers select this profession out of a deep commitment to help uplift, defend, and transform the lives of people, their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 National Association of Social Workers theme, Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform. Shines a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives while bringing hope, healing, and justice to the communities they serve- especially in times of profound change and challenges; and

WHEREAS, in calendar year 2025, Henderson County DSS Child Welfare social workers served 177 children in foster care and served approximately 1013 families in child protective services, protecting them from abuse, neglect, and dependency, and promoting permanency and stability; and

WHEREAS, Adult Services social workers provided essential support in calendar year 2025 to approximately 694 older adults and adults with disabilities, protecting them from exploitation, neglect, and abuse, and promoting independence and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County Social Work staff collaborated with Henderson County Public Health, Henderson County law enforcement and Henderson County Emergency Management to staff shelters and meet emergent needs of citizens during crises; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County recognizes that social workers are frontline protectors of safety for our most vulnerable citizens, children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities whose well-being depends on their steadfast commitment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, at their meeting on March 2nd, 2026, does hereby designate the month of March as Social Work Month in Henderson County, and calls upon all citizens to recognize and celebrate the contributions of social workers in our community.

Adopted this, the 2nd day of March 2026.

WILLIAM G LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD