

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1792

A RESOLUTION designating March 2014 as Social Work Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, There are over 7,000 licensed baccalaureate, master and clinical social workers practicing in nearly all 105 counties in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Eight schools of social work are training hundreds of new social workers every year: Bethel University, Fort Hays State University, Newman University, the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, Washburn University and Wichita State University; and

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

WHEREAS, Social workers know that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, Social workers know that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, Social workers stand up for individuals and support diverse families in every community; and

WHEREAS, Social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others and solve personal and family problems; and

WHEREAS, All children have the right to safe environments and quality education; and

WHEREAS, Dignity and caregiving for older adults help define a nation's character; and

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and

WHEREAS, Access to mental health treatment, substance abuse services and health care saves millions of lives; and

WHEREAS, Social workers are agents of change who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day; and

WHEREAS, Social workers believe in shared prosperity and opportunity for everyone: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: In recognition of the numerous contributions made by the social workers of Kansas, the Senate of the State of Kansas designates March 2014 as Social Work Awareness Month and calls upon all citizens to join with the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the Social Work profession; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Sky Westerlund, Executive Director of the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Senate Resolution No. 1792 was sponsored by Senator Tom Hawk.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.