



PROCLAMATION (P22-03)

SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2022 PROCLAMATION: “THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR SOCIAL WORK”

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people—especially the most vulnerable among us particularly during the global pandemic;

WHEREAS, this year’s Social Work Month theme, “The Time is Right for Social Work” embodies how social workers rose to meet the most pressing challenges of all of our lifetimes, the COVID-19 pandemic, even as our nation continues to grapple with systemic racism, economic inequality, global warming, and other crises;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have continued to push for changes that have made our society a better place to live, including a livable wage, improved workplace safety, and social safety net programs that help ameliorate poverty, hunger, and homelessness;

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all facets of our society to meet people no matter their circumstance and empower them to live to their fullest potential;

In FY21, Shenandoah Valley Social Services Family Service Specialists, responded to 5,173 calls reporting allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation in and directly investigated and assessed 2,492 valid reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults and children combined;

Assured the safety and wellbeing of 45 new children entering foster care and an average of 131 children in foster care every day and completed 17 adoptions;

Provided prevention services to 165 families and reached out to 58 additional families to offer services and provide resources;

Facilitated over 160 family partnership meetings; and,

Prevented foster care placement and provided ongoing services for 71 families;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made our community’s Social Workers, I Bobby Henderson, Mayor, proclaim the month of March 2022 as

National Social Work Month

and call upon all citizens to join the City Council of Waynesboro in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

BOBBY HENDERSON, MAYOR
CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA