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Proclamation

Social Work Month 2025

WHEREAS, people have entered the social work profession for generations because they genuinely care about helping improve the welfare of people, families, communities and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics, which sets as the primary mission of the Social Work profession the enhancement of human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society – including schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and government – helping people, family and communities secure services and policies they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are at the forefront of pressing issues our nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health care, especially for children and adolescents; and substance use disorder treatment; and increased economic and political division; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support, which helps strengthen families that are under stress, and help create new families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, research proves the presence of Social Workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients and residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Social Work Month theme, "Social Work: Compassion + Action" embodies the fact that social workers go through years of education and training, so they have the skills and expertise to transform their care for others into action that brings positive results; and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers, that the Trustees of Joliet Township Government, hereby proclaims, March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 as Social Work Month in Joliet Township Government.

ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2025.

Alicia Morales, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

Estefany Bonilla, Township Clerk