



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

76th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 28

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Date: 2/26/24

Whereas: Every March, National Social Work Month recognizes the dedication and empathy social workers across the country deliver while providing services to children and adults in need, and

Whereas: According to the National Association of Social Workers, the theme of 2024 National Social Work Month is Empowering Social Workers, and

Whereas: Social workers can be found in every environment, including hospitals, government levels, corporations, social service agencies, veteran levels, and schools, and

Whereas: There is a need for social workers now more than ever, as according to the CDC, homelessness and suicide rates have increased, and the opioid addiction crisis is hitting the United States hard, and

Whereas: Several states and metropolitan areas have said they are experiencing a shortage of mental health services providers, including social workers, and social services staff to help people and families in economic distress find affordable housing and other services, and

Whereas: A National Social Work Public Opinion Survey found that more than half the respondents think social workers should get higher pay, as the median pay for social workers in 2022 was found to be only \$55,350, and

Whereas: The NASW explains there is a need for society to support Social Workers and the fight for higher pay so they can continue to do the life-affirming work they do and help address societal need, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The student senate empowers and supports the work that social workers across the country put in to help individuals and communities in need, and

Be it further resolved that: During the month of March, the Student Senate acknowledges and celebrates the work being done by students and faculty at the College of Social Work, and

Be it further resolved that: The Florida State Student Senate encourages state and federal lawmakers to pass legislation that supports social workers' safety and helps boost their salaries, as social workers continue to help millions of Americans improve their lives and deserve better compensation for it, and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

David Springer, Dean of the College of Social Work


Carol Campbell Edwards, Director of the BSW program

Fran Gomory, Director of the MSW program

Keithen Mathis, Assistant Dean for Culture & Community Engagement at CSW

Yvonne Chase, President of NASW

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Student Senate President

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SENATE VOTE: Passed by Acclamation

PASSED: March 6, 2024