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SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2021 PROCLAMATION "SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL"

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; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have always been present in times of crisis, helping people overcome issues such as death and grief and helping people and communities recover from natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with nearly 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2028; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society to empower people to live to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers play a crucial role in our health care system and have played a key role in the response to COVID-19 and helping individuals, families and communities cope with the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the community, and work daily to help people—whether in person or remotely—overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers will continue to stand ready to assist our community in overcoming present and future challenges;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Social Workers, the Granville County Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of March 2021 as Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join Granville County in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

This the 15th day of March 2021.

Attest:

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Chairman

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