

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



Proclamation

Social Work Month 2025 Compassion + Action

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 this year’s 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

WHEREAS the social work profession has worked for generations to improve living conditions in our community and our nation, with social workers successfully pushing for Social Security, a 40-hour work week, Medicare, and a minimum wage; and

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

WHEREAS social workers are at the forefront of pressing issues facing our nation, including increased needs for mental health care, especially for children and adolescents; substance use disorder treatment; and increased economic and political division; Social Workers continue to stand ready to assist our nation in overcoming present and future challenges, including ending gun violence, improving health care and mental health care for all and urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms; and

WHEREAS social workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the United States and are pressing for a Social Work Interstate Licensing Compact that will improve mental health care delivery in our nation; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Social Workers, the Charlottesville City Council proclaims the month of March 2025 as Social Work Month and call upon community members to join in celebration and support of the Social Work profession and this year’s theme of Compassion + Action.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of March 2025.

Juandiego Wade, Mayor

Attest:

Kyna Thomas, Clerk