



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date: March 13, 2012**

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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Sherri E. Fleming,  
County Executive for Health and Human Services and Veterans  
Service**

**Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe**

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

Approve Resolution Recognizing the Month of March 2012 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Travis County.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

As March is traditionally as "Professional Social Work Month", this occasion provides the opportunity to recognize and thank Social Workers in Travis County. Social Workers are employed throughout the County in positions with the Courts, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice, Adult Probation and various other departments. Travis County is also home to the University of Texas at Austin's School of Social Work which is consistently ranked as one of the top Social Work programs in the country.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends the approval of the proposed resolution.

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

Residents whose lives have been positively impacted by Travis County social workers will have the opportunity to communicate to the Court about their experiences and thank the Court for its commitment to the community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

None.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

None.

**AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE:** All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, [Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us) by **Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.



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# Resolution

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance the well-being and meet the basic needs of all people, especially our most vulnerable, through programs and services provided as essential elements of the social safety net;

WHEREAS, Social Workers make critical impacts in adolescent and youth development, aging and family caregiving, child protection and family services, health care, mental and behavioral health, military and veterans assistance, nonprofit management and community development, and the reduction of poverty;

WHEREAS, Social Workers seek to improve social functioning and social conditions for people in emotional, psychological, economic, and/or physical need through care coordination, case management, and therapeutic treatment for biopsychosocial issues;

WHEREAS, more than 640,000 trained Social Work professionals in the United States in more than 50 fields of practice ranging from private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, businesses and corporations, government organizations, military units, think tanks and foundations, work tirelessly as specialists, consultants, counselors, educators, community leaders, policymakers and researchers;

WHEREAS, the influence of the Social Work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil rights and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers strengthen our Nation by helping people navigate major life challenges, finding hope and options for achieving their maximum potential and allowing for full participation in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY ARE URGED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN CELEBRATION AND SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION BY OBSERVING MARCH 2012 AS

## **"PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH"**

IN TRAVIS COUNTY FOR THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION THAT OUR PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS PROVIDE OUR COMMUNITY.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

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SAMUEL T. BISCOE  
COUNTY JUDGE

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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

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