

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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INITIATED BY

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Human Services Board  
SUBMITTED BY



March 5, 2019  
DATE DRAFTED

**TO RECOGNIZE ROCK COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, March has been declared National Social Worker Recognition Month; and,
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- 3 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wish to
- 4 recognize the Rock County Human Services Social Workers for their excellence in delivering services to
- 5 the citizens of Rock County; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers of the Rock County Department of Human Services provide services to
- 8 a wide variety of Rock County citizens; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Adult
- 11 Protective Services (APS) Division, support frail elderly and adults with physical and/or developmental
- 12 disabilities as well as their family and caregivers. APS staff serve to protect vulnerable adults from abuse
- 13 and neglect by investigating allegations and seeking out services, such as guardianship, to help individuals
- 14 remain safe and secure in their homes and community. ADRC Social Workers provide guidance, support,
- 15 and options to people who struggle navigating through the multitude of programs available. They assist
- 16 people to make informed decisions by explaining the array of service options available to them in our
- 17 community. Together, the ADRC and APS staff provide our community's most at-risk adults with the
- 18 support they need to help them remain safe in our community and as independent as possible; and,
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Behavioral Health Division provide high quality treatment and
- 21 support services to individuals and families experiencing mental illness and substance abuse challenges
- 22 across a comprehensive continuum of care, thereby reducing the need for restrictive institutional care and
- 23 out of home placement. They provide assertive outreach to individuals with complex needs and engage
- 24 them in welcoming and empathic relationships. These social workers assist clients in improving their
- 25 quality of life, as defined by the client, and provide person centered, rehabilitative services focused on
- 26 hope and recovery; and,
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- 28 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Division provide family-
- 29 centered and strength-based services to children and families involved in the children protection and
- 30 juvenile justice systems. CYF Social Workers are dedicated to ensuring child safety as well as
- 31 supervising youth on juvenile supervision. Daily, social workers in the CYF Division work with high-
- 32 risk families in the community to inspire hope and build skills for positive change. CYF Social Workers
- 33 intervene when children are alleged to be abused and neglected, and engage youth who are in violation of
- 34 the law. Countless children, youth and families are positively affected by the tireless work of CYF Social
- 35 Workers.
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- 37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
- 38 assembled this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, does hereby recognize the Rock County Social
- 39 Workers for their excellent work and diligent efforts in the delivery of services to needy Rock County
- 40 citizens and their families in 2019.
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- 42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of
- 43 this resolution to the Rock County Human Services Department.

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Respectfully submitted,

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