

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY



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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, and others who provide similar services, for
5 their excellence in delivering services to 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, seeking out services, such as in-home support, assisted living
14 placements, and/or guardianship, to help individuals remain safe and secure in their homes and
15 community. ADRC Social Workers provide guidance, support, and options to people who struggle
16 navigating through the multitude of programs available. They assist people to make informed decisions by
17 explaining the array of service options that are available to them in our community such as dementia care,
18 home care, public funding, housing, hospice and any other topics individuals may need support with.
19 Together, the ADRC and APS staff provide our community's most at-risk adults with the support they
20 need to help them remain safe in our community and as independent as possible; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Behavioral Health Programs provide high quality treatment and
23 support services to individuals and families experiencing mental illness and substance abuse challenges
24 across a comprehensive continuum of care, thereby reducing the need for restrictive institutional care and
25 out-of-home placement. They provide assertive outreach to individuals with complex needs and engage
26 them in welcoming and empathic relationships. These social workers assist clients in improving their
27 quality of life, as defined by the client, and provide person centered, rehabilitative services focused on
28 hope and recovery; and,
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30 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Programs provide family-
31 centered and strength-based services to children and families involved in the children protection and
32 juvenile justice systems. CYF Social Workers are dedicated to ensuring child safety as well as
33 supervising youth on juvenile supervision. Daily, social workers in the CYF Division work with high-
34 risk families in the community to inspire hope and build skills for positive change. CYF Social Workers
35 intervene when children are alleged to be abused and neglected, and engage youth who are in violation of
36 the law. Countless children, youth and families are positively affected by the tireless work of CYF Social
37 Workers; and,
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Children's Long Term Support Program (CLTS) provide
40 supports and services to serve children who have substantial limitations due to physical, emotional and/or
41 physical disabilities. CLTS Social Workers help children and their families to meet their individualized
42 needs and live their best lives in their homes and communities.
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44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
45 assembled this 11th day of March, 2021, does hereby recognize the Rock County Social
46 Workers for their excellent work and diligent efforts in the delivery of services to needy Rock County
47 citizens and their families in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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