LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-second Legislature Second Regular Session - 2014

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014 AS SOCIAL WORK RECOGNITION MONTH AND CALLING UPON ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN CELEBRATION AND SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social work pioneers helped lead America's struggle for social justice; and

WHEREAS, social workers know that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, social workers know that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, social workers stand up for individuals and support diverse families in every community; and

WHEREAS, social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others and solve personal and family problems; and

WHEREAS, all children have the right to safe environments and quality education; and

WHEREAS, dignity and caregiving for older adults help define a nation's character; and

WHEREAS, veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and

WHEREAS, access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day; and

WHEREAS, social workers believe in shared prosperity and opportunity for everyone; and

WHEREAS, social work research and advocacy turn community needs into national priorities; and

WHEREAS, social workers celebrate the courage, hope and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's 600,000 social workers and the almost 4,000 licensed social workers in Idaho, we proclaim the month of March 2014 as Social Work Recognition Month in Idaho and call upon all citizens of Idaho to join with

1 the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the
2 social work profession and National Social Work Month.