

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people—especially the most vulnerable among us; and
- WHEREAS, this year’s Social Work Month theme, “Social Workers Are Essential,” embodies the heroic contributions of the Social Work profession to our nation, including the work Social Workers have done to heal our nation during these times of pandemic, racial unrest, economic uncertainty, and political divisiveness; and
- WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture or religion; and
- WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with nearly 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2028; and
- WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society to empower people to live to their fullest potential; and
- WHEREAS, School Social Workers have worked with families and the schools throughout the pandemic to ensure students reach their full academic and personal potential; and
- WHEREAS, Government Social Workers serve at-risk youth and young adults as well as vulnerable adults; and
- WHEREAS, Social Workers play a crucial role in our health care system and have played a key role in the City’s response to COVID-19 helping individuals, families, and communities cope with the epidemic; and
- WHEREAS, Social Workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the United States and work daily to help people—whether in person or remotely—overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and
- WHEREAS, Social Workers will continue to stand ready to assist our city and nation in overcoming present and future challenges including pushing for racial equity and improving health care and mental health care for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in the City of Falls Church and call upon all members of the community to join in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 23rd day of March, 2021.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Tarter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Tarter, Mayor