Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Social Work profession is dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people—especially the most vulnerable among us, and this year's theme, "Social Work Breaks Barriers," 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, and economic uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers are valuable members of the multidisciplinary team who have a central role in creating a positive school climate, serving as a vital link between the home, school, and community to ensure that students remain in school and graduate, reach their fullest academic potential, and grow socially and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers have expertise in many areas, including human growth and development, mental health, positive behavioral supports, effects of family and environmental dynamics on the student, child abuse and neglect, community resources; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers are present in times of crisis; connecting students and staff to wraparound supports that assist with wellness matters, providing crisis supports that help with overcoming traumatic events, and linking families and communities to resources that help with recovery from natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers are professionally trained to provide services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, discrimination, abuse, addiction, homelessness, divorce of parents, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes March as Professional Social Work Month, and does hereby proclaim the week of March 5-11, 2023 as **"NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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