



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MARCH 2025 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

WHEREAS, the social work profession has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people for decades, especially the most vulnerable among us; and

WHEREAS, social workers have always been present in times of crisis, helping people overcome life-changing circumstances, empowering people to live to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, social workers serve critical roles in our health care, educational and government systems, often serving as first responders to those in crisis; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize how social workers help empower individuals, families, communities, and our society to heal from crisis and overcome hurdles that prevent them from achieving better well-being; and

WHEREAS, social workers within the Arapahoe County Human Services Department strive to achieve safety, permanency and well-being for children, at-risk adults and their families. Social workers collaborate to build strong communities by promoting self-sufficiency and stability; and

WHEREAS, the impact of their work is evident across the county, as they:

- Responded to 27,621 abuse and neglect calls in 2024;
- Received 13,919 child protection referrals and 3431 adult protection referrals;
- Ensured 89.6% of children involved with child protection services remained safely at home;
- Facilitated 55 adoptions, 13 RGAP cases;
- Referred 1,275 children, at-risk adults and their families for prevention services;
- Provided Thanksgiving meals to 2,225 people and holiday gifts to more than 850 individuals; and

WHEREAS, social workers positively touch the lives of Arapahoe County residents on a daily basis, serving the most vulnerable within our community with the highest level of professionalism and compassion.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by social workers within the county, the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of March 2025 as National Social Work Month and calls upon all residents to celebrate these professionals on March 19, 2025, in appreciation of their commitment to service.

Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully

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