

Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Social Work is a profession truly dedicated to helping people, with the primary mission of enhancing human well-being and helping meet the basic and complex needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable, oppressed, or living in poverty; and*

WHEREAS, *Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to stand for equity in every community, uphold human dignity, and fight injustice; and*

WHEREAS, *Social Workers positively impact the lives of millions of Americans daily, in hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community, centers, and within the federal, state and local governments nationwide; and*

WHEREAS, *for more than a century, the Social Work profession has worked to improve society by playing a role in establishing a minimum wage, promoting behavioral health, Social Security, and Medicare and working to ensure equal rights for all, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture, or religion; and*

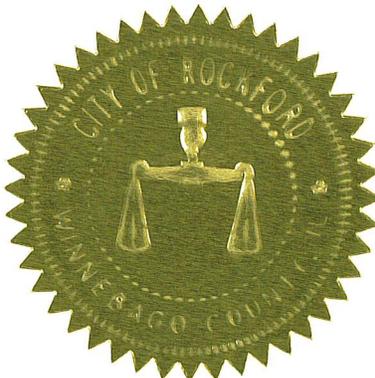
WHEREAS, *Social Workers are on the frontlines helping solve pressing social problems, including an increased demand for mental health services, an opioid addiction crisis, and economic inequality; they confront oppression and racism, advocate for human rights, and advancing fair policies for all persons by obliterating barriers that prevent individuals, and families from thriving; and*

WHEREAS, *the 2026 Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform," shines a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives while bringing hope, healing, and justice to the communities they serve - especially in times of profound change and challenges;*

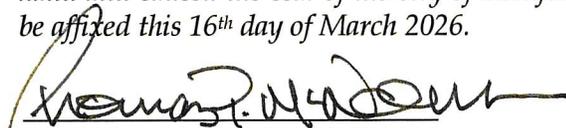
NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS P. MCNAMARA, as Mayor of the city of Rockford do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 to be:

"SOCIAL WORK MONTH"

in Rockford, Illinois and encourage all citizens to support the Social Work profession and celebrate the life-affirming work they do to help address societal needs.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Rockford to be affixed this 16th day of March 2026.


MAYOR THOMAS P. MCNAMARA
CITY OF ROCKFORD