## SOCIAL WORK MONTH MARCH 2022 RESOLUTION #2022-4

WHEREAS, the social work profession is dedicated to strengthening the well-being and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the social work profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with more than 715,000 social workers today and nearly 80,000 professionals expected to be employed as social workers by 2028; and

WHEREAS, social workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, working daily to elevate and empower people with substance us disorders, metal illness, and personal obstacles by prodding appropriate and needed resources; and

WHEREAS, social work is a diverse profession allowing people of various generations, ethnicities, gender identities and religious backgrounds to make an immediate, positive impact on our nation and world, meeting people where they are and empowering them to live to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the social work profession places social working in a variety of settings, including schools, centers for veterans, the military, hospitals, and mental health centers, corporations and local, state, and federal government; and

WHEREAS, social workers work with other professionals, community groups, lawmakers, civil rights, and other organizations to bring equal rights for all, including women and people who are African American, Hispanic, Native American, LGBTQ, and of various cultural, ethnic, and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, the social work profession for more than a century has been on the cutting edge of helping create changes that have made our society a better place to live, including voting rights, improved workplace safety and social programs that help ameliorate poverty and hunger; and

WHEREAS, social workers continue to stand ready to help out nation in times of crisis, contributing to the success of out state and nation as they protect the most vulnerable among us.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Chairman of the Board of Cass County Commissioners, I do hereby proclaim March 2022, Social Work Month in Cass County.

Date

Rick Steen, Chairman Cass County Commission

<u>SUGGESTED MOTION:</u> Move to adopt and authorize the chair to sign Resolution #2022-4, Proclamation for Social Work Month, March 2022.