

Rep. Brown offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 39.

A resolution to declare March 2011 as Social Work Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Social workers are highly trained and experienced professionals; and

Whereas, Only those individuals who have earned social work degrees at the bachelor's, master's or doctoral levels, and have completed a minimum number of hours in supervised fieldwork have the honor of holding the title of a "professional social worker"; and

Whereas, The practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior, of social, economic and cultural institutions, and of the interaction and impacts of all these factors; and

Whereas, The social work profession is rooted in a set of core values embraced by social workers throughout the profession's history including: social justice; dignity and worth of the person; importance of human relationships; integrity; and competence; and

Whereas, Social workers continue to address the needs of society and bring our nation's social problems to the attention of the nation's leaders as well as the public as a whole; and

Whereas, With the inception of National Professional Social Work Month in 1984, March has been a month when social workers can join together to promote the profession and advocate for issues that affect social workers and their clients; and

Whereas, A national month dedicated to educating all Americans on the achievements and contributions of professional social workers which has resulted in improved quality of life for the people of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2011 as Social Work Month in the state of Michigan. We honor the contributions it is making to educate Americans on the commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere that social workers provide.