



National Social Work Month Proclamation March 2011

Social Workers: An Integral Part of the Hospice and Palliative Care Legacy of Caring

Whereas, 650,000 social workers are serving individuals, families, and communities in need across our nation – with several thousand of these professionals bringing their expertise, training and compassion to hospice and palliative care organizations where they care for people coping with serious and life-limiting illness;

Whereas, through counseling, referral, advocacy, and enhancing environments, hospice and palliative care social workers help those they serve to understand and navigate the multiple dimensions of dying and bereavement;

Whereas, these dedicated professionals promote the dignity and worth of every individual they serve and they understand that every person is a unique individual with a lifetime of experiences, relationships and gifts to share;

Whereas, social workers are essential members of the interdisciplinary team and bring integrity, competence, and compassion to the organizations they work with and the communities they serve;

Whereas, helping people live every moment of life to the fullest and providing loved ones with support and understanding is a passion shared by hospice and palliative care social workers;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that during National Social Work Month, March 2011, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization honors those professionals who add so much to the provision of hospice and palliative care services in communities across our nation and make a profound difference for people at the end of life's journey and their loved ones.

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