

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 246

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WHEREAS, each year social workers across the country celebrate their profession during March; and

WHEREAS, National Professional Social Work Month is observed in March and this year's theme is a central tenet of social work, building on strengths; and

WHEREAS, the foundation for growth and change in an individual, a family, and a community are their strengths; and

WHEREAS, all individuals, families, and communities have strengths. Understanding and utilizing these strengths are essential to improving emotional health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than six hundred thousand social workers are educated in the strengths perspective, which emphasizes working with client or community resources, capabilities, support systems, and motivations to meet current challenges; and

WHEREAS, the goals of National Professional Social Work Month in 2008 are to expand the public perception of the breadth

and depth of social work, reach out to the media to promote the importance of social work services and social work professionals to society, promote a theme that resonates with and builds pride in social workers, and increase understanding of social workers' roles in working with families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes March, 2008, as Professional Social Work Month in Nebraska.

2. That during this week communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the contributions of professionals in the field of social work.