

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
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WHEREAS, National Professional Social Work Month is observed in the month of March and this year's theme is Hope and Health: Help Starts Here; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the National Association of Social Workers' Social Work Reinvestment Initiative to pursue legislative, policy, and regulatory mechanisms that recognize the role of professional social workers in the delivery of health and human services and in the improved outcomes for individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, National Professional Social Work Month is part of an ongoing effort to increase the awareness of and respect for the social work profession, educate the public on the breadth and depth of social work practice, expand perceptions of who can benefit from social work services, and attract young people and career changers to the social work profession; and

WHEREAS, social workers help people in all stages of life, from children to the elderly, and in all situations, from adoption to hospice care; and

WHEREAS, more than six hundred thousand people in the United States hold social work degrees; and

WHEREAS, there are more than one hundred seventy social

workers in national, state, and local elected office, including two United States Senators and four United States Representatives.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March, 2007, as Professional Social Work Month in Nebraska.

2. That during March, 2007, communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the contributions of professionals in the field of social work.