

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 274

Introduced by Howard, 9.

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

WHEREAS, National Professional Social Work Month is observed in the month of March and this year's theme, Social Workers Inspire Community Action, focuses on how the expertise and dedication of social workers influence communities and institutions; and

WHEREAS, part of the message of National Professional Social Work Month for 2010 is to recognize the individual and global impact that social workers have throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has set goals for National Professional Social Work Month, which are to recruit more social workers, expand the public perception of the breadth and depth of social work, reach out to national and local media to promote the importance of social work services and social work professionals to society, and promote a theme that builds pride among social workers; and

WHEREAS, in March, the NASW will team up with social work programs and schools in an effort to encourage more people to pursue social work degrees; and

WHEREAS, it is also the goal of the NASW to use National Professional Social Work Month to recognize social work professionals that have contributed to their communities by creating projects that improve the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, social work is relevant to the successful functioning of American society and necessary to the well-being of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 2010 as Professional Social Work Month in Nebraska.

2. That during March 2010 communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the contributions of professionals in the field of social work.