

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 67

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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 the month of March and this year's theme, Social Work: Purpose and Possibility, focuses on the future of social work and the need to recruit more social workers into the profession; and

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

WHEREAS, it is also the goal of the NASW to encourage five thousand social workers nationwide to volunteer their time during National Professional Social Work Month as a part of their tradition of giving back; and

WHEREAS, to promote National Professional Social Work Month, the NASW has created a web-based application, "50 Ways to Use Your Social Work Degree," that provides people with information

about the social work profession; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 2009 as Professional Social Work Month in Nebraska.

2. That during March 2009 communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the contributions of professionals in the field of social work.