

# Memorandum

**Date:** March 10, 2008  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Kathy Gallagher, Director  
Department of Social Services  
*Kathy Gallagher*  
**Subject:** Resolution Recognizing March to be  
"Professional Social Work Month"

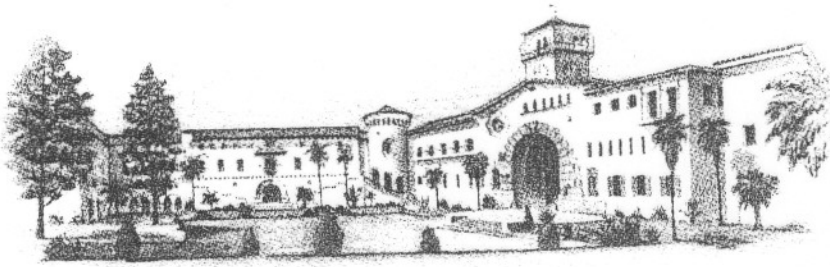


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The Department of Social Services, respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution recognizing March 2008 to be "Professional Social Work Month".

Ken Jensen, Child Welfare Services Deputy Director will be present to introduce the social work staff present to receive this Resolution at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on March 25, 2008.

Supervisor Janet Wolf has agreed to sponsor and present this Resolution to the Social Work staff.



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2008 AS PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

**WHEREAS** social workers use their education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices by connecting them to available resources, partner agencies and areas from which they draw their strength- home, health, family, friends, and communities;

**WHEREAS** social workers are advocates for others ensuring that everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities;

**WHEREAS** social workers are positive and compassionate professionals who have demonstrated their dedication to improving the society in which we live by helping people help themselves;

**WHEREAS** Adult Protective Services social workers in 2007 responded to 1,472 reports of elder and dependent adult abuse in Santa Barbara County helping to maintain vulnerable adults safely in their own homes, promoting their optimal health and safety, as well as preserving assets oftentimes in excess of \$100,000, and upon occasion in excess of \$1,000,000;

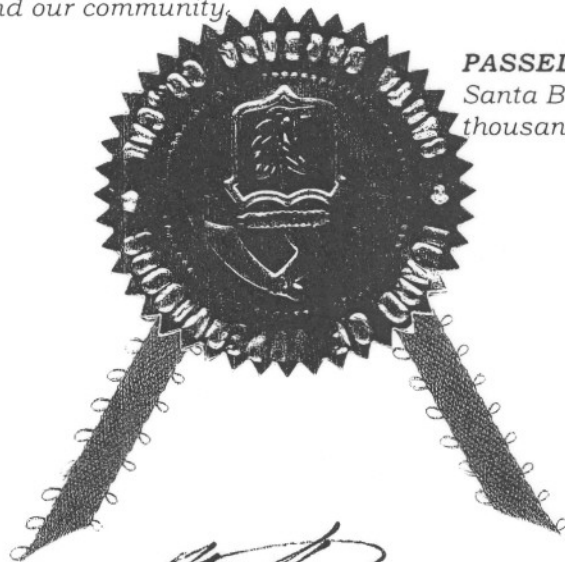
**WHEREAS** Child Welfare social workers evaluated more than 4300 referrals alleging child abuse or neglect in the past year and provided an in-person investigation on 85% of those referrals in order to ensure the safety and well-being of children in our communities;

**WHEREAS** Child Welfare and Adoption social workers provided ongoing case management and supportive services in conjunction with our community partners to more than 950 children and their families in 2007 through the programs of family preservation, family maintenance, family reunification, and/or permanent placement services, including having assisted more than 65 children in 2007 secure a family for life through adoption;

**WHEREAS** In Home Supportive Services social workers assisted 1,750 individuals through the application process and maintained benefits for more than 3,000 elderly or disabled citizens of Santa Barbara County by authorizing services that provide assistance with tasks of daily living to maintain the individual's quality of life while avoiding the costly alternative of institutionalization;

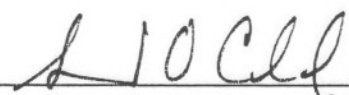
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara recognizes March 2008 as PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH, in recognition, celebration, and support of our County's professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and our community.

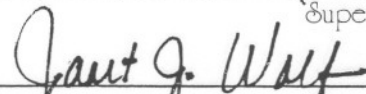
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this twenty-fifth day of March, two thousand and eight, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

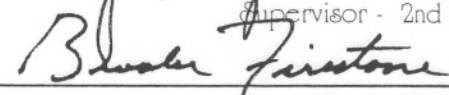


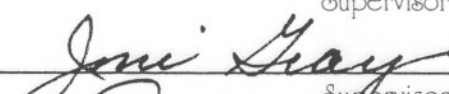
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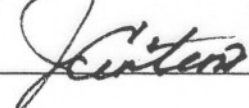
  
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