## RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Katherine Luster, Director **INITIATED BY** 

**Human Services Board** SUBMITTED BY



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## TO RECOGNIZE ROCK COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS

WHEREAS, March has been declared National Social Worker Recognition Month; and, i

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WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wish to 3 recognize the Rock County Human Services Social Workers for their excellence in delivering services to the citizens of Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Workers of the Rock County Department of Human Services provide services to 7 a wide variety of Rock County citizens; and, 8

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WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Adult Protective Services (APS) Division, support frail elderly and adults with physical and/or developmental 11 disabilities as well as their family and caregivers. APS staff serve to protect vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect by investigating allegations and seeking out services, such as guardianship, to help individuals remain safe and secure in their homes and community. ADRC Social Workers provide guidance, support, and options to people who struggle navigating through the multitude of programs available. They assist people to make informed decisions by explaining the array of service options that are available to them in our community. Together, the ADRC and APS staff provide our community's most at-risk adults with the support they need to help them remain safe in our community and as independent as possible; and,

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WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Behavioral Health Division provide high quality treatment and support services to individuals and families experiencing mental illness and substance abuse challenges across a comprehensive continuum of care, thereby reducing the need for restrictive institutional care and out-of-home placement. They provide assertive outreach to individuals with complex needs and engage them in welcoming and empathic relationships. These social workers assist clients in improving their quality of life, as defined by the client, and provide person centered, rehabilitative services focused on hope and recovery; and,

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WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Division provide family-28 centered and strength-based services to children and families involved in the children protection and 29 juvenile justice systems. CYF Social Workers are dedicated to ensuring child safety as well as 30 supervising youth on juvenile supervision. Daily, social workers in the CYF Division work with highrisk families in the community to inspire hope and build skills for positive change. CYF Social Workers intervene when children are alleged to be abused and neglected, and engage youth who are in violation of the law. Countless children, youth and families are positively affected by the tireless work of CYF Social 34 Workers. 35

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly 37 assembled this 2310 day of Opril, 2020, does hereby recognize the Rock County Social 38 Workers for their excellent work and diligent efforts in the delivery of services to needy Rock County citizens and their families in 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,	
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