RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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TO RECOGNIZE ROCK COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS

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

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wish to 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 a wide variety of Rock County citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Adult 10 Protective Services (APS) Division, support frail elderly and adults with physical and/or developmental 11 disabilities as well as their family and caregivers. ADRC Social Workers provide guidance, support, and options to people who don't know where to turn for assistance. They assist people in understanding the services available to them by offering helpful and un-bias information regarding local resources in our 14 community. APS Social Workers investigate allegations of self-neglect and/or abuse against vulnerable 15 adults; sometimes relocating individuals who are living in extreme-uninhabitable conditions. APS staff 1.6 obtain the necessary services to help individuals feel secure at home and free from abuse and neglect. 17 Together, the ADRC and APS staff provide our community's most at-risk adults with the support they need to help them remain safely in our community and as independent as possible; and, 19

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,

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Division provide familycentered and strength-based services to children and families involved in the children protection and
juvenile justice systems. CYF Social Workers are dedicated to ensuring child safety as well as
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
Workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 19th day of 2018, does hereby recognize the Rock County Social Workers for their excellent work and diligent efforts in the delivery of services to needy Rock County citizens and their families in 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Rock County Human Services Department.

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Respectfully submitted,

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