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## RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Charmian J. Klyve, Director INITIATED BY

<u>Human Services Board</u> SUBMITTED BY



Jennifer Thompson DRAFTED BY

February 21, 2012 DATE DRAFTED

## RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE ROCK COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS

1 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, Social Workers in the Mental Health area provide crisis counseling and treatment services to reduce the need for hospital based care; and services to maintain clients in the community; and provide family crisis services, in-home family services as well as services to children with severe and persistent mental illness to provide support to the families and reduce the need for out of home placement of children and adolescents by providing services to Rock County residents who otherwise might be a danger to self or others, and further by addressing emotional/behavioral patterns that otherwise adversely impact on the family and community; and

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Juvenile Justice Services Division provide an invaluable service to the Rock County community by guiding and providing services to at-risk youth and their families. On a weekly basis they make difficult decisions that balance the need to keep the Rock County community safe and direct youth to a crime free life; and

WHEREAS, the Child Protective Services Social Workers provide essential safety services and respond to reports of abuse and neglect and work to control for the safety of children who are at risk of abuse, maltreatment and/or neglect, and intervene to alter the conditions within the families which create the risk of maltreatment and/or neglect, relying upon home-based services and collaboration with other professionals providing essential services to these children/families; and

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Adult Community Services area provide services to individuals with persistent and chronic mental illness assisting them to live in the community; and prevent costly hospitalizations whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the Social Workers in the Long Term Support Division perform critical work to ensure the health and safety of the frail elderly and physically disabled living in the community. Long Term Support social workers conduct thorough investigations on elder/adult abuse and neglect reports, coordinate services to those individuals unable to meet their basic needs, and provide a social outlet to those unable to leave their homes; all of which assists these individuals to remain independently with dignity in the community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this day of March, 2012, do 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 2012.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a 46
- copy of this resolution to the Rock County Human Services Department. 47

Respectfully Submitted,

Rock County Human Services Board

Brian Knudson, Chair

Robert Fizzell

Kathy Kelm

Phillip Owens

Absent

Terry Thomas

Absent

Marvin Wopat