



PROCLAMATION

Social Work Month - March 2024

WHEREAS, Social Work is a profession truly dedicated to helping people; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic and complex needs of all people; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers put a particular focus on helping people who are vulnerable, oppressed or living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to fight social injustice, and respect the dignity and worth of all people; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers meet people where they are and help people and communities reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all facets of our society, including schools, hospitals, community organizations, the military, mental health centers, social service agencies, corporations, and local, state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are on the frontlines in helping this nation solve pressing social problems, including an increased demand for mental health services; an opioid addiction crisis; and economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are in high demand, with some states reporting shortages in Social Work staffing and the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicting Social Work will be one of the fastest growing professions in our nation during this decade; and

WHEREAS, Eastern New Mexico University is dedicated to meeting the social work needs of New Mexico and the nation by maintaining an accredited undergraduate program that produces highly qualified social work graduates annually; and

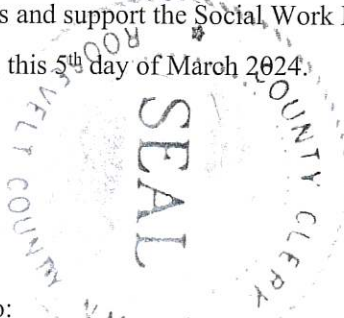
WHEREAS, Eastern New Mexico University will enhance the Social Work services in our region and the nation by educating students in advanced clinical practice skills through a new Master's of Social Work program that will begin offering classes in the Fall of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Social Work Month theme, "Empowering Social Workers" embodies the need for society to support Social Workers so they can continue to do the life-affirming work they do and help address societal needs; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers in turn empower people, communities and our nation, helping everyone achieve their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners in the County of Roosevelt do proclaim the month of March 2024 as National Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and support the Social Work Profession.

DONE, this 5th day of March 2024.



Attest to:

Mandi Park, County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tina Dixon, Commission Chair

