**PUGET SOUND REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY**
INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED FIRE AGENCY

*Professionally and compassionately helping people.*

## Proclamation for National Social Work Month and Social Work Day March 2026

**WHEREAS,** Social work is a profession truly dedicated to helping people.

**WHEREAS,** the profession of social work plays an indispensable role in enhancing the wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities.

**WHEREAS,** social workers tirelessly dedicate themselves to promoting social justice, advocating for the vulnerable, and striving for positive change in the lives of those they serve.

**WHEREAS,** National Social Work Month provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions of social workers to the betterment of society.

**WHEREAS,** this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Work: Uplift. Defend. Transform," honors the prime mission of the Social Work profession – to enhance human well-being, meet the basic human needs of all people, and put special attention on the needs and empowerment of people are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty.

**WHEREAS,** the compassion, resilience, and dedication of social workers exemplify the highest ideals of service, embodying the principles of empathy, equality, and human dignity.

**WHEREAS,** the social workers of the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority FD CARES program continue to make a positive impact on our community members who are in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Honorable Governance Board for the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 17, 2026, as **SOCIAL WORK DAY** and the month of March, 2026 as **SOCIAL WORK MONTH** and do commend this observation to all our community members.

Verna Seal
Verna Seal (Mar 5, 2026 10:57:48 PST)
Board Chairperson Seal

David J. Scalabrini
David J. Scalabrini (Mar 5, 2026 13:30:47 PST)
Board Vice Chair Scalabrini

Joni Troutner
Board Member Troutner

Hannah Hedrick
Hannah Hedrick (Mar 5, 2026 12:14:47 PST)
Board Member Hedrick

Mark Larimer (Mar 6, 2026 12:18:28 PST)
Board Member Larimer

Dennis Martinez
Dennis Martinez (Mar 6, 2026 08:29:48 PST)
Board Member Martinez

Margaret Harto
Margaret Harto (Mar 5, 2026 13:47:59 PST)
Board Member Harto

John Boyd (Mar 5, 2026 12:42:38 PST)
Board Member Boyd

Pat Sullivan
Pat Sullivan (Mar 10, 2026 16:48:36 PST)
Board Member Sullivan

*Attest:*
Jessica Extine (Mar 5, 2026 10:47:33 PST)
Board Secretary Extine

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