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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 12, 2025 AS “SCHOOL
SOCIAL WORKER APPRECIATION DAY” IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON**

- WHEREAS,** Social Workers in Boston Public Schools are committed to advocating for and empowering students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally by providing comprehensive, strengths-based student support services that promote resilience, eliminate barriers to learning, and foster safe, inclusive school environments; *and*
- WHEREAS,** School-Based Social Workers play an essential role in fostering a school community where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered, working to create a nurturing and inclusive environment that promotes lifelong success. Through collaboration with families, educators, and community partners, School Social Workers help students develop resilience, empathy, and essential life skills, ensuring they have the support needed to overcome challenges and thrive as compassionate leaders in a diverse world; *and*
- WHEREAS,** SLIFE Social Workers provide specialized support to students with limited or interrupted formal education, addressing their unique academic, social-emotional, and cultural challenges by offering trauma-informed care, language-accessible resources, individualized support plans, and advocacy to ensure equitable access to education and a sense of belonging within their school communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston Pre-K Social Workers are instrumental in supporting young learners and their families by fostering safe, inclusive, and diverse environments that promote early childhood development and school readiness. Through family engagement, social-emotional learning, and access to comprehensive support services, Boston Pre-K Social Workers help ensure Boston Pre-K students receive the resources and interventions needed to build a strong foundation for lifelong success; *and*

WHEREAS, District Social Workers serve as invaluable mentors, providing guidance, resources, and targeted support to School-Based Social Workers to enhance their ability to address students' mental health and social-emotional needs, ensuring a coordinated and equitable approach to student support across Boston Public Schools; *and*

WHEREAS, The Department of Social Work continues to advocate for equity while addressing the social emotional well-being and mental health of children and youth in order to decrease systemic barriers to student success. The Department has strengthened its impact by fostering a diverse workforce, enhancing professional development, and integrating best practices in school-based mental health services; *and*

WHEREAS, March is recognized as National Social Work Month, celebrating the profession's vital role in strengthening individuals, families, and communities, and the first full week of March is designated as School Social Work Week, honoring School Social Workers for their invaluable contributions to student success and well-being; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED, The City of Boston hereby recognizes March 12, 2025, as "School Social Worker Appreciation Day" in honor of the dedication, hard work, and invaluable contributions of School Social Workers in Boston Public Schools in supporting the mental health, well-being, and academic success of Boston's students. The City of Boston encourages all residents, educators, and students to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of School Social Workers in our community.

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