



**Resolution 2024-2025-019**

**Proclaiming the Celebration of National School Social Worker Week**

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**WHEREAS**, in their important role in schools, social workers are able to help emphasize the whole child, collaborate with other professionals, link students and families with needed services, and advocate for students; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers serve as vital members of a school's education team, playing a central role in creating partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers are especially skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success including disability, poverty, discrimination, abuse, neglect, mental illness, homelessness, bullying, familiar stressors, and other barriers to learning; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers, being licensed mental health professionals in our schools, provide direct services and necessary assessment, interventions, counseling, family outreach, and community referrals; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that school mental health programs improve educational outcomes by decreasing absences, dropout rates, and discipline referrals, while improving academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, school mental health programs are critical to early identification of, and early intervention for, mental health problems; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Reynolds School District publicly thanks our school social workers for the vital role they play in the lives of students in our school district and recognizes March 2-8, 2025 as National School Social Worker Week.

Adopted this 26th day of February 2025.

Signed:

Attest:

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Chair, Reynolds School Board of Directors

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Superintendent / Clerk