

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Human Services Board
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TO RECOGNIZE ROCK COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS

1 **WHEREAS**, March has been declared National Social Worker Recognition Month; and,
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3 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wish to
4 recognize the Rock County Human Services Social Workers for their excellence in delivering services to
5 the citizens of Rock County; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers of the Rock County Department of Human Services provide services to
8 a wide variety of Rock County citizens; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Adult
11 Protective Services (APS) Division, support frail elderly and adults with physical and/or developmental
12 disabilities as well as their family and caregivers. ADRC Social Workers provide reassurance, guidance,
13 and support to people who do not otherwise know where to go for help. They assist people in
14 understanding their options by offering helpful and un-bias information regarding local resources in our
15 community. APS Social Workers investigate allegations of self-neglect and/or abuse against vulnerable
16 adults; often times discovering individuals in extremely unsanitary and difficult situations. APS staff
17 work together to provide for a safe environment, arrange for necessary services, obtain medical treatment
18 and evaluation, and on occasion, guardianship and protective placement. The ADRC and APS staff
19 provide our community's most at-risk adults with the support and encouragement needed to help them
20 make important life decisions and keep them from harm; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Behavioral Health Division provide high quality treatment and
23 support services to individuals and families experiencing mental illness and substance abuse challenges
24 across a comprehensive continuum of care, thereby reducing the need for restrictive institutional care and
25 out of home placement. They provide assertive outreach to individuals with complex needs and engage
26 them in welcoming and empathic relationships. These social workers assist clients in improving their
27 quality of life, as defined by the client, and provide person centered, rehabilitative services focused on
28 hope and recovery; and,
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30 **WHEREAS**, the Social Workers in the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Division provide family-
31 centered and strength-based services to children and families involved in the children protection and
32 juvenile justice systems. CYF Social Workers are dedicated to ensuring child safety as well as
33 supervising youth on juvenile supervision. Daily, social workers in the CYF Division work with high-
34 risk families in the community to inspire hope and build skills for positive change. CYF Social Workers
35 intervene when children are alleged to be abused and neglected, and engage youth who are in violation of
36 the law. Countless children, youth and families are positively affected by the tireless work of CYF Social
37 Workers.
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39 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
40 assembled this 23rd day of March, 2017, does hereby recognize the Rock County Social
41 Workers for their excellent work and diligent efforts in the delivery of services to needy Rock County
42 citizens and their families in 2017.

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Respectfully submitted,

ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD



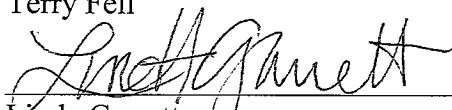
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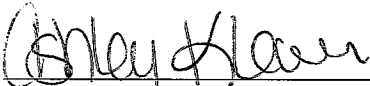
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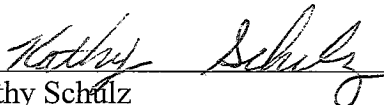
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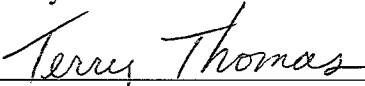
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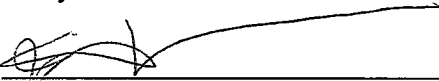
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