PROCLAMATION
Village of Wheeling

Professional Social Work Month
March 2012

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil rights and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe for more than a century.

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable.

WHEREAS, programs and services provided by professional Social Workers are essential elements of the American social safety net;

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact in adolescent and youth development; aging and family caregiving; child protection and family services; health care navigation; mental and behavioral health treatment ; military and veterans assistance; nonprofit management and community development; and poverty reduction;

WHEREAS, Social Workers function as specialists, consultants, private practitioners, educators, community leaders, policymakers and researchers;

WHEREAS, Social Workers influence many different organizations and human service systems and are employed in workplaces ranging from private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, to businesses and corporations, military units, elected offices, think tanks and foundations;

WHEREAS, Social Workers seek to improve social functioning and social conditions for people in emotional, psychological, economic, and/or physical need;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are experts in care coordination, case management, and therapeutic treatment for biopsychosocial issues, and have roles in more than 50 different fields of practice;
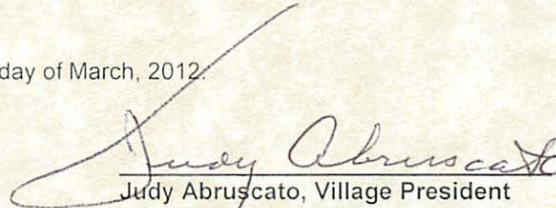
WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that a nation's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people, who are often navigating major life challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential;

WHEREAS, Social Workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition that our nation would be less successful without the contributions of America's 640,000 social workers, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, proclaim the month of March 2012 as **Professional Social Work Month** and call upon all citizens to join with the Village of Wheeling and the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 5th day of March, 2012.

Judy Abruscato, Village President

ATTEST:

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk