

PROCLAMATION
Village of Wheeling

Professional Social Work Month
March 2011

WHEREAS, Social Workers are agents of positive change who dedicate their careers to helping people transform their lives, or improving environments that make such progress possible; and

WHEREAS, more than 640,000 trained Social Work professionals in the United States work tirelessly in agencies, hospitals, hospices, schools, universities, legislatures, private practices, corporations, and the military; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers improve the fabric of society by caring for those who have been left behind or for those who have lost their voices, help people explore new opportunities in the face of serious life changes and challenges, and serve as advocates for access, equality and fairness; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession was established more than 100 years ago to help Americans overcome poverty, illness, addiction, abuse, discrimination and other adversities to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession works to change systems and customs that limit the ability of vulnerable individuals and groups to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Schools of Social Work train socially conscious people to make a real difference in the world through service and leadership; and

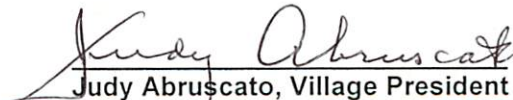
WHEREAS, Social Workers strengthen communities, expand options, and work to facilitate humane changes in policies and legislation that improve the lives of everyone; and

WHEREAS, every day Social Workers wake up believing they will give an individual, a family, or a community renewed hope in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, in recognition of professional Social Workers and their commitment and dedication through service delivery, research, education, and advocacy, proclaim the month of March 2011 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 7th day of March, 2011.




Judy Abruscato, Village President

ATTEST:


Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk