

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
2013 SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND
SOCIAL WORKERS' APPRECIATION WEEK
MARCH 4 - 8, 2013**

- WHEREAS:** The primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Workers have helped America's leaders weave the nation's social safety net for over 100 years; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Workers address the emotional, psychological, economic, and physical needs of millions of people; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Workers help clients use their strengths, resilience, and self-advocacy to navigate life challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Workers help people function more productively in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems through a wide range of psychosocial services; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Workers assist individuals and families from all communities in every stage of life; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Workers advocate for fairness and access to resources that benefit citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Work is currently one of the fastest growing professions in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Workers are employed in many different organizations and industries, including private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and universities, businesses and foundations, military branches and veteran centers, as well as national and local public elected offices; and
- WHEREAS:** Social Workers celebrate the courage, strength, and determination of the human spirit, and work to empower others to hope, dream and believe in their own potential; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and honor America's 650,000 social workers and proclaim the month of March 2013 as Professional Social Work Month, as well as March 4-8, 2013 as School Social Workers' Appreciation week. I call upon all citizens to join me in recognizing the National Association of Social Workers and Clayton County Public Schools School Social Workers and celebrate the Social Work profession.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 5th day of March in the year two thousand thirteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman