



*National Social Work Month 2013  
"Weaving Threads of Resilience and Advocacy"*

**WHEREAS**, the Social Work profession creates pathways to full participation in society; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 100 years Social Workers have helped America's leaders weave the nation's social safety net; and

**WHEREAS**, every day Social Workers address the emotional, psychological, economic, and/or physical needs of millions of people; and

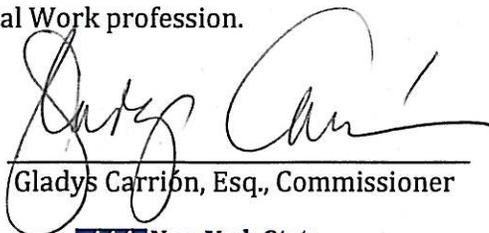
**WHEREAS**, Social Workers help clients use their strengths, resilience, and self-advocacy to navigate life challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers help people function better 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 in every stage of life, from all communities; 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**, in recognition that our agency would be less successful without the contributions of our social workers, I, Gladys Carrión, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) do hereby proclaim the month of March 2013 as **Professional Social Work Month** at OCFS and call upon us all to join with the **National Association of Social Workers** in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.



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Gladys Carrión, Esq., Commissioner

