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I am proud to recognize this March as Social Work Month.

As the father of a social worker, I know that this profession is more than what you do—it's who you are. Social workers are an essential part of our workforce. Whether these highly-trained professionals are responding to crises, helping people cope with post-traumatic stress disorder, contributing to social policies that move our country forward, or supporting those who are navigating life's most vulnerable moments, social workers are always there for us when we need them. As President, I am committed to empowering our Nation's social workers and providing them with the tools and resources they need to succeed.

As part of my Unity Agenda for the Nation, I was proud to release a Strategy to Address our National Mental Health Crisis. This strategy is creating opportunities for social workers and strengthening our health system's capacity by supporting and training more providers and enhancing the tools we have for crisis care and suicide prevention. It is also connecting more Americans to the care they need by improving coverage, expanding telehealth, investing more in early prevention, and so much more. With funding from our Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and American Rescue Plan, we are hiring and training more mental health professionals—including social workers—in schools, and we have made it easier to deliver school-based mental health services and supports through Medicaid. And I continue to call on Congress to invest in workforce development programs to support those preparing for a career in social work. While there is much more to do, I am proud of the progress we have made in promoting opportunities for those who do so much for us during life's most difficult seasons.

This month and every month, we thank our social workers for their incredible service to our communities. These heroes embody the very best of who we are as Americans, and they are part of the reason why I have never been more optimistic about the future of this great Nation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".