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BC SOCIAL WORKERS CELEBRATE SOCIAL WORK WEEK

(Vancouver) BC's Children and Family Development Minister Mitzi Dean proclaimed March 13-19 as Social Work Week in BC and social workers across the province will pause to celebrate work done over the past year.

"Over the past year, BC social workers faced increased demand due to the ongoing COVID pandemic while responding to new challenges presented by heat domes and wildfires, atmospheric rivers and floods, and the finding of unmarked graves of Indigenous children at former residential institutions, and wildfires" said Michael Crawford, President of the BC Association of Social Workers. "The role of social work in our communities has become critical and social workers are in demand because of these events."

Social workers are employed by governments, non-profit agencies, and in private practice. They work in diverse practice areas including mental health, health care, residential and senior services, immigrant services, corrections, child and family services, education, policy development and evaluation, and research. The profession is based on principles of respect for the inherent dignity and worth of persons, the pursuit of social justice, and culturally responsive practices all grounded in ethics, values, and humility.

"There are many challenges facing the profession including a lack of proper professional regulation, high caseloads, and lack of proper remuneration," said Crawford. "This week we will take some time to reflect on the good and necessary work done by social workers and recognize their commitment to serve children, youth, families, and communities."

For more information on BC Social Work Week activities – <https://www.bcasw.org/>

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Michael Crawford | President
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