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BC SOCIAL WORKERS CELEBRATE SOCIAL WORK WEEK, MARCH 19TH-25TH

(Vancouver) Minister of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Mitzi Dean proclaimed March 19th-25th as BC Social Work Week and BC's professional association for social workers is celebrating with more than a dozen events that focus on the range of services social workers provide.

“The theme for BC Social Work Week, ‘Social work is essential: Action today for a better tomorrow’, recognizes the profession’s role and its commitment to serve British Columbians through action that results in a more equitable society,” says Michael Crawford, President of the BC Association of Social Workers. “Social workers are skilled and knowledgeable professionals who work with individuals, families, and communities facing a wide range of social, health, and economic challenges.”

In her proclamation, MCFD Minister Dean noted that social workers are committed to leading systemic reform in keeping with the profession’s commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action. The Minister commended professional social workers on their dedication and commitment that touches the lives of thousands of British Columbians.

“Many British Columbians are struggling with poor mental health, poverty, homelessness, family conflict, health concerns, and addictions. Too many find it difficult to get the help they need,” said Crawford. “Social workers are determined to respond to those needs and to build the programs, services, and resources that strengthen individuals, families, and communities.”

The BC Association of Social Workers is hosting events at schools of social work, in the community, and online to honour and respect social workers and to highlight their life-changing work.

Celebrations start March 13. More information and registration here – <https://bcasw.org/benefits-of-membership/promotion-of-the-profession>

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BCASW is a voluntary, not-for-profit membership association that supports and promotes the profession of social work and advocates for social justice. BCASW is one of the provincial/territorial social work associations in partnership with the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW). Through CASW we support the work of the International Federation of Social Workers. BCASW was incorporated in 1956 and has branches and members (including students) throughout BC.

BCASW acknowledges that our office is in the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and that our members live and work in unceded territories across British Columbia. We also express appreciation to Métis and Inuit peoples across British Columbia.