

**PROCLAMATION 17-11**  
**School Social Work Week**

**WHEREAS**, school social workers in Clay County, the state of Florida and across the nation serve as vital member of the educational team, playing a central role in creating a positive school climate and vital partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers are especially skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, divorce of parents, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing need for local school districts and other educational agencies to address students' emotional, physical, and environmental needs so that they can achieve academic success; and,

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of "School Social Work Week" during the week of March 5-11, 2017 highlights the vital role school social workers play in the lives of students and families in Clay County; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the School Board of Clay County does hereby proclaim March 5-11, 2017 as **School Social Work Week**.

Duly adopted and approved by the School Board of Clay County, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2017.

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Janice Kerekes  
School Board Chair

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