Proclamation for National School Social Workers Week

Whereas: *School social workers* in the state of Washington and across the nation serve as vital members of the educational team, playing a central role in creating a positive school climate and partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success;

Whereas: *School social workers* support the educational, social, and emotional development of all students by decreasing the impact of barriers to academic success;

Whereas: *School social workers* participate as specialized contributors at the community, district, state and national level to promote efforts at improving student academic achievement and personal well being;

Whereas: *School social workers* participate in the development of global citizens by promoting skills for a life time and life-long learning;

Whereas: *School social workers* provide interventions to address challenges such as: mental health, behavior difficulties, disabilities, crisis response, poverty, bullying, abuse, grief, addiction, etc. to enable students to achieve academic goals;

Whereas: *School social workers* provide staff development training and consultation to school staff and family members on topics impacting students' ability to learn;

Whereas: *School social workers* assist families in accessing resources to improve their circumstances and the readiness to learn foundation for their children;

Whereas: It is fitting that *school social workers* be recognized for the important role they play in the lives and education of students and their families;

Now, therefore be it proclaimed, that on behalf of the State of Washington, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Superintendent, I do hereby proclaim Mar. 3-9, 2013 as:

National School Social Work Week

Randy Dorn | Superintendent of Public Instruction