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To: Mayors and Reeves,

On behalf of the membership of the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL), we are writing to you to ask that as local elected representatives you endorse **November 6, 2008** as a day of recognition for the community social service workers in your community.

The 700,000 members of the Ontario Federation of Labour work in all economic sectors and live in communities across Ontario from Kenora to Cornwall and from Moosonee to Windsor. Our members know that community social service workers are essential to building strong communities and making life better for families and individuals.

The National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) developed the attached resolution, which calls for November 6, 2008 to be proclaimed Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day.

Please advise us of your participation in this day of recognition, so that we can acknowledge your community's role in celebrating **Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day** across Ontario on November 6, 2008. Such information may be sent to Terry Downey, Executive Vice-President, Ontario Federation of Labour, 15 Gervais Drive, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 1Y8, by fax (416) 441-1893 or by e-mail at [tdowney@ofl.ca](mailto:tdowney@ofl.ca).

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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OFL, Executive Vice-President

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# APPRECIATION DAY

Municipal Resolution: DRAFT

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day

**Whereas** community social service workers are vital to the quality of life within all Canadian communities; and

**Whereas** community social service workers provide crucial services to families and children; people with disabilities; respite care; people and families dealing with substance abuse; women and their children in transition houses or sexual assault centres; Aboriginal Peoples; as well as services to new Canadians; and more; and

**Whereas** the quality of these services depends largely on the dedication of trained workers who provide these services; and

**Whereas** the availability of these services helps improve the quality of life for everyone, while making our communities stronger and more stable; and

**Whereas** greater recognition and understanding of the critical role these workers play in our communities are needed to ensure the continued availability and improvement of services; and

**Whereas** awareness and support for these services begin at the local level;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that this council proclaims November 6<sup>th</sup> as **Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day**.