

## A Message from SASW President

### - Social Work Week - 2017

National social work month is celebrated across Canada during the month of March. The theme this year is *The Power to Empower*. In Saskatchewan, we are celebrating Social Work Week, from March 19-25, 2017.

Social Work Week provides an opportunity to recognize our profession and the work that social workers do each and every day, in a wide area of practice addressing many issues and concerns. In Saskatchewan, we have over 1600 registered social workers, working in in public and private practice, health, education, community based organizations, policy, planning and administration. Social Work Week helps us to highlight just how diverse and fulfilling a profession social work is and to recognize the efforts of our membership in improving the lives of the people we serve.

As we celebrate social work week with our colleagues, we are provided the opportunity to create awareness about the important role of social work in our province, along with the role of our professional organization. We can help the public understand the important work that social workers do everyday, and remind others that only those registered with SASW can call themselves a “social worker”.

I am so pleased to see all the activities that have been organized across the province to celebrate Social Work Week. The commitment to our profession and pride in the work we do is evident and I congratulate you on your efforts.

I wish you all a happy Social Work Week!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Labatt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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