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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
145th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25 - 31, 2009 AS "DELAWARE'S PRO BONO CELEBRATION WEEK".

1 WHEREAS, the American Bar Association is celebrating "National Pro Bono Celebration Week" during the
2 month of October 2009 to celebrate the pro bono services of attorneys and organizations nationwide who provide legal
3 services to needy individuals who would otherwise go without legal representation and legal counsel; and

4 WHEREAS, Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (DVLS) is one of the organizations in Delaware that, along with
5 many individual attorneys and law firms, provide much-needed legal services to individuals in Delaware who would
6 otherwise go without legal representation and/or legal advice; and

7 WHEREAS, more particularly, DVLS and many individual attorneys and law firms in Delaware assist, on a pro
8 bono basis, fellow Delawareans with legal problems and disputes ranging from foreclosure to bankruptcy, Protection from
9 Abuse, divorce and custody cases involving domestic violence, guardianships, housing, Landlord / Tenant, wills,
10 government benefits, home ownership and consumer issues, among many others; and

11 WHEREAS, without DVLS and the many, many attorneys and law firms in this great State who provide such
12 necessary legal services on a pro bono basis, many of our citizens would be forced to go without legal representation and/or
13 legal advice, thus placing such individuals at a dangerous disadvantage; and

14 WHEREAS, DVLS, in conjunction with the ABA's National Pro Bono Celebration Week, will celebrate pro bono
15 service in our State of Delaware by scheduling events in Delaware to recognize such pro bono services;

16 NOW THEREFORE:

17 BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in celebration of and in gratitude to DVLS and the many attorneys and law firms state-
18 wide who provide pro bono services, the General Assembly proclaims that the week of October 25 - 31, 2009 shall hereby
19 be recognized as "Delaware's Pro Bono Celebration Week".

SYNOPSIS

By way of this Resolution the General Assembly hereby recognizes the importance of pro bono legal services to the many citizens of Delaware and does, hereby, recognize the week of October 25 - 31, 2009 as "Delaware's Pro Bono Celebration Week".