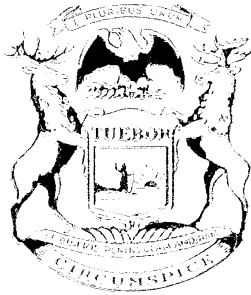


STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
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Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009

Pro Bono Month

Whereas, Countless Americans cannot afford the legal representation they need to protect their lives, properties, and natural liberties; and,

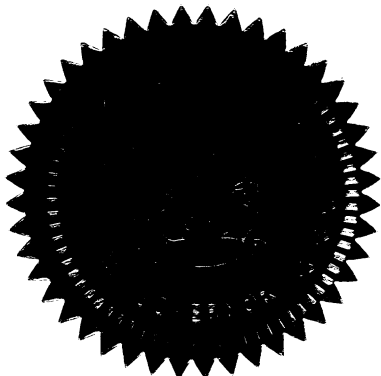
Whereas, The American legal vocation has the capacity, through pro bono work, to contribute specialized skills and expert knowledge to these vulnerable populations; and,

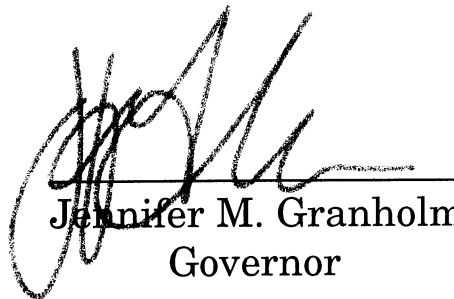
Whereas, Few other professions are in a position to offer this assistance and in doing so, members of this occupation substantially enhance the distribution of justice and equality in their communities; and,

Whereas, Nearly three-quarters of the members of this profession devote their time and efforts to meeting the civil legal needs of people with limited resources; and,

Whereas, Through public awareness, the state of Michigan seeks to uphold its responsibility of building support for pro bono work and swelling the ranks of volunteers involved, just as so many in the legal profession uphold their responsibility of working, so that all people may receive adequate and appropriate representation and protection in the legal system regardless of their economic standing;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2009 Pro Bono Month in Michigan. I encourage all residents of this state to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor