



Office of the Mayor

The City of Morgantown

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Proclamation

- Whereas,** the Morgantown office of Legal Aid of West Virginia, the Pro Bono Referral Project and West Virginia Senior Legal Aid provides services to low income residents of Morgantown with civil legal problems.
- Whereas,** the need for legal aid in Morgantown and the State of West Virginia is dire, since unlike in the criminal defense system, funding for low-income people who need civil legal assistance has not yet been met, with the consequences being a lack of access to justice which is devastating for the poor and which weakens our democratic society as a whole.
- Whereas,** The American Bar Association has designated October 24-30, 2010, as the second National Pro Bono Week Celebration to recognize the valuable pro bono contributions made by lawyers throughout the year and to increase pro bono participation across the country by narrowing injustice.
- Whereas,** through public awareness the City of Morgantown seeks to uphold its responsibility of building support for pro bono work and the legal profession uphold their responsibility of working so that all citizens may receive adequate and appropriate representation and protection in the legal system regardless of their economic standing.

Now Therefore, I, Bill Byrne, Mayor of the City of Morgantown do hereby declare the week of October 24-30 as

Pro Bono Week

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Morgantown to be hereto affixed this 19th day of October, 2010.

Seal:


Bill Byrne, Mayor