

# City of Harrison

Office of the Mayor

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, In a democratic society, access to justice is a fundamental and essential right. However, tens of thousands of Arkansans lack the means to gain access to legal assistance that is often critical to their safety and independence, and they are often forced to resolve complex legal problems on their own, including domestic violence issues, divorce, child custody, evictions, foreclosures, and physical and financial abuse matters; and

**WHEREAS**, The Arkansas Access to Justice Commission, the Arkansas Bar Association, the Center for Arkansas Legal Services, Legal Aid of Arkansas, and local bar associations throughout Arkansas work to recruit volunteer attorneys to provide valuable legal services, free of charge, to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Rule 6.1 of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct calls on every lawyer to aspire to provide at least fifty (50) hours of pro bono legal services to persons of limited means; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Pro Bono Celebration is a coordinated effort to showcase the great difference that pro bono lawyers make for individuals across the Nation; and

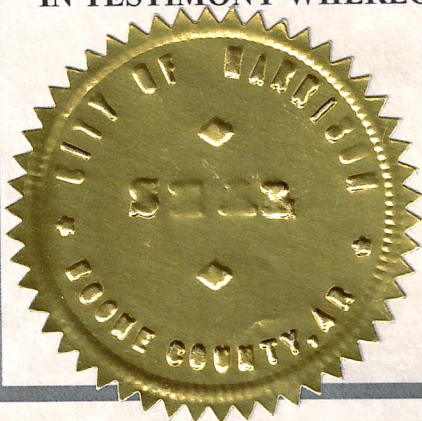
**WHEREAS**, From October 22 through October 28, the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission, the Arkansas Bar Association, the Center for Arkansas Legal Services, Legal Aid of Arkansas, the University of Arkansas School of Law, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law, local bar associations, businesses, government agencies, and community organizations will be celebrating "Pro Bono Week".

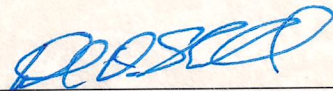
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Daniel D. Sherrell, Mayor of the City of Harrison, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 22 through October 28, 2017, as:

### *Pro Bono Week*

...in the City of Harrison, Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the pro bono community's contributions and the difference they make to our City, our system of justice, and most of all, to the clients served.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017.



  
Daniel D. Sherrell, Mayor