



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, access to justice is a fundamental right in a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, many Alabama residents continue to lack access to civil legal assistance that is often critical to their safety and independence, forcing them to solve complex legal problems on their own, which can include domestic violence, divorce, child custody, contract, bankruptcy, evictions, mortgage foreclosure and the physical and financial abuse of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, pro bono service programs, legal services agencies, the Alabama State Bar and local bar associations throughout Alabama have enlisted the services of volunteer attorneys to provide valuable legal services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, while members of Alabama's legal community donate thousands of hours in free legal services, closing three times as many pro bono cases as the national average, a huge unmet need for legal assistance remains for disadvantaged Alabamians;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and the privilege of Alabama lawyers to provide service to their communities and ensure equal justice for all Alabama residents; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Alabama State Bar, its Pro Bono Celebration Task Force and the additional support from local bar associations statewide, Pro Bono Month 2022 will educate the public about the extensive, community work of Alabama lawyers. It will encourage more individuals in the legal community to get involved in pro bono work, financially support the legal aid system and feature legal aid clinics for those in need of legal assistance but unable to pay;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2022,
as

Pro Bono Month

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 1st day of September 2022.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor