



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, access to justice is a fundamental and essential right in a democratic society. Many of the legal needs faced by Alabama residents are complex, and the absence of legal representation presents a substantial barrier to achieving justice; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Alabama residents lack access to civil legal assistance that is often critical to their safety and independence, leaving them to navigate complex legal problems on their own, including domestic violence, divorce, child custody, contracts, bankruptcy, evictions, mortgage foreclosures, and the physical and financial abuse of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the need for civil legal aid in Alabama remains great. Pro bono service programs, legal services agencies, the Alabama State Bar and local bar associations across Alabama have enlisted the help of volunteer attorneys to provide essential legal services to those in need; and

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

WHEREAS, Alabama's law schools and law students play a vital role by volunteering at legal aid clinics and service projects, gaining hands-on experience while expanding access to justice for those most in need. Through innovative partnerships, technology-driven solutions such as virtual legal clinics and statewide outreach, pro bono services are reaching more rural and underserved communities than ever before; and

WHEREAS, these efforts not only improve access to justice but also strengthen families, stabilize communities and support a stronger economy for the state of Alabama. It is both the responsibility and privilege of Alabama lawyers to serve their communities and ensure equal access to justice for all; and

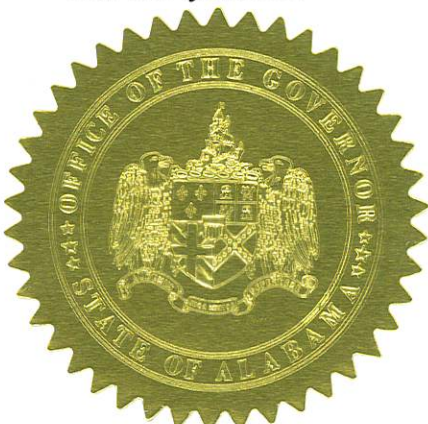
WHEREAS, Pro Bono Month 2025 will highlight the extensive work Alabama lawyers are doing to improve the lives of vulnerable members of our communities, while encouraging more members of the legal profession to get involved in pro bono service and financially support the legal aid system; and

WHEREAS, Pro Bono Month 2025 will feature legal aid clinics and service projects throughout Alabama, providing much-needed legal help to Alabamians who cannot afford it, while also fostering meaningful connections between lawyers, law students and legal aid organizations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2025, 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 23rd day of October 2025.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor