



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, access to legal assistance is an important part of a fair and effective system of justice, helping Alabamians address legal matters affecting their families, homes, livelihoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, many low-income Alabamians face civil legal needs without the financial resources to obtain legal representation, creating an ongoing need for volunteer legal services throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, members of the Alabama State Bar generously contribute their time, knowledge and professional skills to provide free legal assistance to individuals who otherwise might be unable to afford it; and

WHEREAS, volunteer attorneys, legal aid organizations, bar associations, law schools, courts and community partners work together across Alabama to connect citizens with needed legal assistance and strengthen the administration of justice in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Bar sponsors Pro Bono Month each October as a statewide effort to recognize the contributions of volunteer attorneys, raise awareness of the continuing need for civil legal assistance and encourage members of the legal profession to participate in pro bono service; and

WHEREAS, throughout October, attorneys and legal organizations across Alabama will participate in legal clinics, community education programs, volunteer initiatives, continuing legal education programs and other activities designed to connect Alabamians in need with legal assistance; and

WHEREAS, Pro Bono Month provides an opportunity to recognize Alabama lawyers who freely give their time and talents in service to their fellow citizens and to encourage continued volunteer service throughout the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 35th anniversary of the Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program, a longstanding and commendable effort that has connected thousands of Alabamians with volunteer attorneys and expanded access to civil legal assistance:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2026, as

Pro Bono Month

in the state of Alabama. I encourage members of Alabama's legal community to recognize the importance of pro bono service and to continue using their professional skills and talents to serve their fellow Alabamians and strengthen the system of justice in our state.



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 8th day of October 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor