

Proclamation



CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

Office of the Mayor

- WHEREAS: As the oldest and largest voluntary state bar organization in the nation, the New York State Bar Association has contributed greatly to the development and advancement of law, educated the public on a variety of issues, and helped to prepare and inform lawyers for the demands of an ever-changing society; and
- WHEREAS: The organization currently has a membership of more than 70,000; and
- WHEREAS: The New York State Bar Association strives to ensure that all New Yorkers are adequately represented in a court of law, and therefore, encourages its members to volunteer in their respective communities, assisting individuals, not-for-profits, governmental or service organizations and those with limited financial means in securing legal advice and services; and
- WHEREAS: To celebrate these efforts, the first “National Celebration of Pro Bono” will be held during the last week in October; and
- WHEREAS: The goals of this celebration are to recognize significant contributions made by attorneys who already participate in pro bono work, to educate the public as well as the legal profession about the ever-growing problem of unmet legal needs, and to encourage more attorneys to volunteer and give back to their community; and
- WHEREAS: To help accomplish these goals and raise awareness about pro bono work, the Association will sponsor a variety of free training programs and events, scheduled to take place across the Capital Region, the State of New York, and the nation; and
- WHEREAS: In the City of Albany, local dignitaries will join together to commemorate the “National Celebration of Pro Bono” and recognize the important work of the New York State Bar Association and its positive impact on our Capital City.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald D. Jennings, Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, do hereby proclaim the week of October 25 – 31, 2009 to be

“NATIONAL PRO BONO WEEK”

in the City of Albany, and I urge all members of the New York State Bar Association to recognize the importance of pro bono work in our community, and continue to work hard to assist those in need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Albany, New York to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald D. Jennings".

MAYOR

