

# City of Buffalo

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

WHEREAS, The First National Pro Bono Week will be celebrated during the week of October 25-31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Bar Association has a long and proud history of encouraging attorneys to volunteer to assist individuals, not-for-profit, governmental or public services organizations whose services are designed primarily to address the legal and other basic needs of persons of limited financial needs; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the weeklong celebration is to recognize significant contributions made by the scores of attorneys who take on pro bono cases, to educate the public and the legal profession about the ever-growing unmet legal needs of low-income people, and to encourage more attorneys to volunteer; and

WHEREAS, During the week of October 25-31, 2009, the New York State Bar Association will re-publish its pro bono policies manual for use by private law firms, corporate and government legal departments to use in developing pro bono policies to encourage and stimulate volunteer lawyers who agree to accept a referral from one of the local legal services providers; and

WHEREAS, The Association will also sponsor a number of free CLE training programs for lawyers who agree to accept a referral from one of the local legal services providers; and

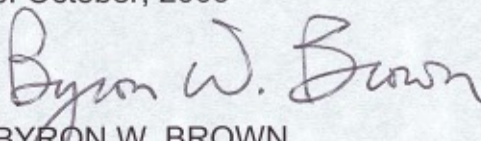
WHEREAS, Similar events will take place across the State, region and nation during National Pro Bono Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, BYRON W. BROWN, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, do hereby proclaim the week of October 25-31, 2009 as

#### National Pro Bono Week

in the City of Buffalo and encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the importance of and need for volunteer lawyers in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Seal of the  
City of Buffalo to be  
affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of October, 2009

  
BYRON W. BROWN  
MAYOR

