



## Proclamation

**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 and public services organizations whose services are designed primarily to address the legal and other basic needs of persons of limited financial means; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Bar Association has established the first National Celebration of Pro Bono to be held during the week of October 25-31, 2009, and they will re-publish their Manual of Model Pro Bono Policies to stimulate the number of volunteer lawyers; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteering of one's time and resources is an undisputed part of the essence of any community and essential to its vital life, and each volunteer has some special contribution to offer for the benefit of others. Volunteers create good public relations and understanding; and enrich their own life as they give of themselves to enrich others; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the week long celebration are to recognize the significant contributions made by scores of attorneys who already participate in pro bono and to educate the public and the legal profession about the ever-growing unmet legal needs of low-income people and others who have been hard hit by the economic downturn.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stu Einstein, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Geneva do hereby proclaim the week of October 25-31, 2009 as

### National Pro Bono Week

in the City of Geneva and encourage more attorneys to volunteer to assist individuals and organizations with limited financial means.

Dated: October 23, 2009



Stu Einstein, Mayor  
City of Geneva, New York