

PROCLAMATION CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

WHEREAS, one of the distinctions of professional responsibility is the recognition of an obligation to assist those who are in need of professional services but are unable to afford them. The duties of a professional are derived from traditions, respect for the profession and respect for others; and

WHEREAS, the legal profession has long recognized pro bono work as among the highest and best work a lawyer can do. Pro bono work promotes self-understanding about a lawyer's role and the relationship between lawyer and client. Often, it helps lawyers to better understand their own values and to better understand themselves; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Bar Association has always encouraged New York attorneys to volunteer their time and talent to assist individuals, governments and public interest organizations. This year, NYSBA will conduct a series of events in recognition of the many attorneys who now provide pro bono services. These events will also develop a greater awareness by both attorneys and the general public about the need for more legal assistance in these difficult economic times.

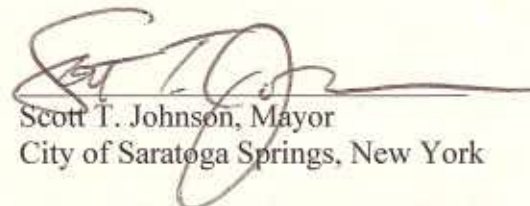
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott T. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, am pleased to join my fellow Saratogians in expressing our thanks and appreciation to the many attorneys in Saratoga Springs and across New York State who participate in pro bono service and to also thank the dedicated members of NYSBA for promoting and encouraging this venerable and invaluable tradition. I hereby proclaim the week of October 25 – 31, 2009 as

Pro Bono Week

in the City of Saratoga Springs.

Dated: October 25, 2009




Scott T. Johnson, Mayor
City of Saratoga Springs, New York