

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 23 through 29, 2016, as "Pro
2 Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania attorneys provide legal assistance at
4 low cost or no cost, commonly referred to as "pro bono" work, to
5 more than 100,000 low-income clients each year; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania attorneys annually handle 10,000
7 mortgage foreclosure cases and 12,000 domestic violence cases on
8 a pro bono basis; and

9 WHEREAS, The last week of October 2016 marks the 78th
10 "National Pro Bono Week"; and

11 WHEREAS, "National Pro Bono Week" is an opportunity to
12 highlight the differences lawyers make in their communities, to
13 recruit and train more pro bono volunteers and to acknowledge
14 the partnerships that form the basis for many of the private
15 bar's most successful pro bono efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Bar Association is joining with the
17 American Bar Association to sponsor this October's annual

1 "National Pro Bono Week" celebration; and

2 WHEREAS, "National Pro Bono Week" provides numerous
3 opportunities to highlight the good work Pennsylvania attorneys
4 do for the neediest among us; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a leader in celebrating "National
6 Pro Bono Week," with reoccurring annual events at many sites
7 across this Commonwealth, from already scheduled events such as
8 the Berks County Pro Bono Celebration on October 25, 2016, in
9 Reading and the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Statewide Jeans
10 for Justice initiative on October 28, 2016, to many more planned
11 events; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 23
13 through 29, 2016, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.