In the Senate, September 30, 2015

Whereas, Pennsylvania attorneys provide legal assistance at low or no cost, commonly referred to as “pro bono” work, to more than 100,000 low-income clients each year, including representation in 10,000 mortgage foreclosure cases and 12,000 domestic violence cases; and

Whereas, The seventh annual “National Pro Bono Week” will be celebrated at the end of October 2015; and

Whereas, “National Pro Bono Week” is an opportunity to highlight the differences lawyers make in their communities, to recruit and train more pro bono volunteers and to acknowledge the partnerships that form the basis for many of the private bar’s most successful pro bono efforts; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Bar Association is joining with the American Bar Association to sponsor this October’s annual “National Pro Bono Week” celebration; and

Whereas, “National Pro Bono Week” provides numerous opportunities to highlight the good work Pennsylvania attorneys do for the neediest among us; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is a leader in celebrating “National Pro Bono Week”, with what have become annual events at many sites across this Commonwealth, from already scheduled events such as the Berks County Bar Association’s Pro Bono Celebration on October 27, 2015, in Reading and the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Statewide Jeans for Justice initiative on Friday, October 30, 2015, to many more events still in planning; therefore be it
Resolved, That the Senate designate the week of October 25 through 31, 2015, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 205, introduced by Senators Dominic Pileggi, Shirley M. Kitchen, Andrew S. Dinniman, Judith L. Schwank, Mario M. Scavello, John P. Sabatina, Jr., John H. Eichelberger, Jr., Rob Teplitz, Christine M. Tartaglione, Wayne D. Fontana, Scott S. Hutchinson, John C. Rafferty, Jr., Jay Costa, Randy Vulakovich, Stewart J. Greenleaf, Lisa Baker, Ryan P. Lument, Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr., Patrick M. Browne, Vincent J. Hughes and Art Haywood, and adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the thirtieth day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand fifteen.

Attest:

[Signature]
Maegan Martin, Secretary