## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2015

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## A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of October 25 through 31, 2015, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania attorneys provide legal assistance at
- 4 low or no cost, commonly referred to as "pro bono" work, to more
- 5 than 100,000 low-income clients each year, including
- 6 representation in 10,000 mortgage foreclosure cases and 12,000
- 7 domestic violence cases; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The seventh annual "National Pro Bono Week" will be
- 9 celebrated at the end of October 2015; and
- 10 WHEREAS, "National Pro Bono Week" is an opportunity to
- 11 highlight the differences lawyers make in their communities, to
- 12 recruit and train more pro bono volunteers and to acknowledge
- 13 the partnerships that form the basis for many of the private
- 14 bar's most successful pro bono efforts; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Bar Association is joining with the
- 16 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 what have become annual events at many
- 7 sites across this Commonwealth, from already scheduled events
- 8 such as the Berks County Bar Association's Pro Bono Celebration
- 9 on October 27, 2015, in Reading and the Pennsylvania Bar
- 10 Association's Statewide Jeans for Justice initiative on Friday,
- 11 October 30, 2015, to many more events still in planning;
- 12 therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 25
- 14 through 31, 2015, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.