
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 229 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY HAYWOOD, YAW, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, GREENLEAF,
FONTANA, BROWNE, RESCHENTHALER, KILLION AND RAFFERTY,
OCTOBER 23, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 22 through 28, 2017, 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 week of October 22 through 28, 2017, marks the
10 ninth "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 the Driver's License Intake
8 Clinic in Dauphin County on Monday, October 23, 2017, to the
9 Pennsylvania Bar Association's Statewide Jeans for Justice
10 initiative on October 27, 2017; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 22
12 through 28, 2017, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.