

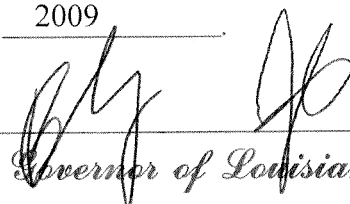
Governor  
**Bobby Jindal**

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** access to justice is a fundamental and essential right in a democratic society; and
- WHEREAS,** tens of thousands of Louisiana residents continue to lack access to legal assistance that is often critical to their safety and independence, forcing them to resolve complex legal problems on their own, including domestic violence, divorce, child custody, evictions, mortgage foreclosures and the physical and financial abuse of the elderly; and
- WHEREAS,** legal services agencies, pro bono service programs, the State Bar of Louisiana, and local bar associations throughout Louisiana have enlisted the services of volunteer attorneys to provide valuable legal services to those in need; and
- WHEREAS,** while members of Louisiana's legal community donate thousands of hours in free legal service and make generous financial contributions to legal aid organizations in our state, a huge need for legal assistance remains for disadvantaged Louisianans; and
- WHEREAS,** Rule 6.1 of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct calls on every lawyer to aspire to provide at least fifty (50) hours of pro bono legal services to those unable to pay, and reaffirms the professional goal of every lawyer to provide pro bono legal services to persons of limited means; and
- WHEREAS,** National Pro Bono Celebration is a coordinated effort to showcase the great difference that pro bono lawyers make to the nation.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 25 – 31, 2009 as

**PRO BONO WEEK**  
in the State of Louisiana.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D., 2009*

  
Governor of Louisiana

*Attest By*  
*The Governor*

  
Secretary of State

