



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** four out of five Louisianans living in poverty face civil legal challenges without access to an attorney, most often involving domestic violence, divorce, child custody, evictions, or financial exploitation of the elderly; and

**WHEREAS,** legal services organizations, pro bono programs, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and local bar associations mobilize volunteer attorneys to provide critical support to those unable to afford counsel; and

**WHEREAS,** civil legal aid is a vital safeguard for families and communities, addressing urgent needs related to housing, employment, healthcare, education, and personal safety, and often determining whether a person secures shelter or faces homelessness, achieves financial stability or falls into bankruptcy, or lives in safety rather than in fear; and

**WHEREAS,** access to legal assistance can be life-changing, helping individuals protect their families, secure housing, maintain employment, access healthcare, pursue education, and resolve crises that might otherwise threaten their well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** the week of October 20–25, 2025, marks the celebration of “Pro Bono Week” in Louisiana, led by the Louisiana State Bar Association’s Access to Justice Program in partnership with libraries, pro bono providers, public agencies, private businesses, and community-based organizations to celebrate and strengthen the tradition of service by attorneys who share their time and expertise to advance equal justice.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim  
October 20-25, 2025, as  
**Pro Bono Week**  
in the State of Louisiana and call this observance to the attention of all citizens.



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 17th day of October A.D. 2025.

  
Governor of Louisiana