UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State of Louisiana

UNION, JUSTICE, AND CONFIDENCE

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR

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, civil legal aid is a vital safeguard for families and communities, and can mean the difference between shelter and homelessness, financial stability and bankruptcy, or safety and fear; and

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

WHEREAS, the generosity of Louisiana's attorneys who volunteer legal services each year embodies the profession's highest ideals and reflects the fundamental principle that access to justice should not depend on one's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, National Celebrate Pro Bono Week, October 26-31, 2026, provides an opportunity to recognize attorneys who answer this call to service and encourage greater participation in closing the justice gap; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice Program leads this celebration in Louisiana, in partnership with libraries, pro bono providers, public agencies, private businesses, and community organizations to strengthen the tradition of service by attorneys committed to advancing equal justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, **I, Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana,** do hereby proclaim the week of October 26-31, 2026, as

Pro Bono Week

and I call this observance to the attention of all of our 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 22nd day of September A.D. 2026.

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