

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, thousands of South Carolinians continue to lack access to civil legal assistance that is critical to their safety and independence, forcing them to resolve complex legal issues on their own, including domestic violence, divorce, child custody, evictions, mortgage foreclosure, and the physical and financial abuse of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 50 South Carolina Legal Services attorneys to serve the more than 800,000 South Carolinians living below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, members of the South Carolina Bar, their paralegals, and staff donate substantial hours in free legal services and make generous financial contributions to legal services organizations and the South Carolina Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Pro Bono Week provides an opportunity to recognize our state's pro bono volunteers for working to bring civil legal justice to all of our state's citizens and identify the transformations that South Carolina attorneys have made by offering justice to South Carolinians living in poverty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 20 - 26, 2013, as

CELEBRATE PRO BONO WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together to support our legal community and its efforts to ensure a just democratic society for the people of the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA