

# LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION



October 21, 2010

## DECLARING OCTOBER 24 -30, 2010 PRO BONO WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Northeastern Ohioans 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**, despite the recent economic crisis, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland did not cut programs, client services or staff, but rather increased capacity to represent disadvantaged citizens and put more resources into representing homeowners in foreclosure and those whose only solution for a fresh start is declaring bankruptcy; and

**WHEREAS**, Legal Aid continues to aid in building strong communities, by securing safety for domestic violence victims, retaining decent and affordable housing for clients, and increasing access to health care; and

**WHEREAS**, staff attorneys and volunteer attorneys in Northeastern Ohio donate substantial hours to provide free legal services to those in need and thousands of supporters make generous financial contributions to their local legal aid organizations, yet a huge unmet need for legal assistance remains for our most vulnerable citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Pro Bono Celebration is being observed across the country during the week of October 24-30, 2010, to recognize the valuable work lawyers do throughout the year, without fee, to represent those who cannot afford civil legal assistance.

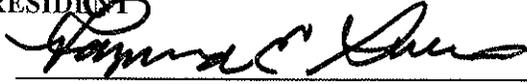
**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims

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and urges all residents to recognize the contributions of our legal community to help those most in need.

  
DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT

  
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