



2016 Pro Bono Week

Whereas, the promise of equal justice under law is the most fundamental tenet of our justice system, and

Whereas, the bench and bar face a crisis of unmet need for legal representation for citizens with civil legal problems in many areas, including family law issues such as dissolution, child support, and domestic violence; housing issues such as foreclosure and eviction; and consumer issues, and

Whereas, a myriad of citizens in the State of Illinois and in this circuit and county continue to lack access to legal assistance that is often critical to their independence and safety, compelling them to resolve complex legal issues on their own, and

Whereas, many members of the legal community throughout the State of Illinois and in this circuit and county donate thousands of hours in free legal services and make generous financial contributions to legal aid organizations, there is still an unmet need for legal assistance, and

Whereas, the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct in its Preamble underscores that lawyers have a special responsibility to use their training, experience, and skills to provide services in the public interest, and

Whereas, the ABA, the Illinois State Bar Association and its Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, the Kane County Bar Association and its Delivery of Legal Services Committee and others support the celebration of Pro Bono Week to educate the public about the good work lawyers are doing to improve the lives of the vulnerable citizens of our community and to encourage more individuals in the legal community to get involved in pro bono support of the legal system, and

Whereas, this organization supports the goal of educating the public about the extensive work local lawyers are doing and to encourage more support both by volunteering and by donating financially to support pro bono work and the legal aid community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, President P. Sean Michels and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove, do hereby commend the lawyers of the local bar association and of the state for their work in providing legal services in our society and does hereby recognize and proclaim October 23 through October 29, 2016 as PRO BONO WEEK and further urge all residents to recognize the contributions of our legal community to help those most in need.

President, P. Sean Michels

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