THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY PILEGGI, FERLO, WOZNIAK, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, FARNESE, SMITH, FONTANA, ERICKSON, YAW, WHITE, BAKER, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, SCHWANK, WILLIAMS, HUGHES, COSTA, BRUBAKER AND KASUNIC, OCTOBER 15, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of October 20 through 26, 2013, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania attorneys provide legal assistance at
- 4 low or no cost, commonly referred to as "pro bono" work, to more
- 5 than 100,000 low-income clients each year, including 10,000
- 6 mortgage foreclosure cases and 12,000 domestic violence cases;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, The fifth annual National Pro Bono Week will be
- 9 celebrated at the end of October 2013; and
- 10 WHEREAS, National Pro Bono Week is an opportunity to
- 11 highlight the difference attorneys make in their communities, to
- 12 recruit and train more pro bono volunteers and to acknowledge
- 13 the partnerships that form the basis for many of the private
- 14 bar's most successful pro bono efforts; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Bar Association is once again
- 16 joining with the American Bar Association to sponsor this

- 1 October's annual National Pro Bono Week celebrations; and
- 2 WHEREAS, National Pro Bono Week provides numerous
- 3 opportunities to highlight the good work Pennsylvania attorneys
- 4 do for the most needy among us; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Pro bono legal services contribute to the effective
- 6 and efficient administration of justice; and
- WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a leader in celebrating National Pro
- 8 Bono Week with what have become annual events at many sites
- 9 across this Commonwealth, and with new events being planned for
- 10 this year; therefore be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 20
- 12 through 26, 2013, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.