

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina continues to make strides, through the passage of the Domestic Violence Act of 2015, the formation of the Domestic Violence Task Force and the South Carolina Domestic Violence Advisory Committee, and the pursuit of many other initiatives, in addressing the issue of domestic violence in our state; and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence often face a variety of legal issues stemming from the need to ensure their safety and general well-being but are without the financial means to retain counsel; and

WHEREAS, attorneys with South Carolina Legal Services and the various community domestic violence organizations across the state work valiantly to address the legal needs of domestic violence survivors but are only able to meet a small percentage of those needs; and

WHEREAS, the assistance of volunteer or pro bono attorneys is critical to the efforts to meet the legal needs of domestic violence survivors; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Pro Bono Week provides an opportunity to recognize those attorneys as well as all the other attorneys in our state who provide pro bono legal assistance, to identify the important role attorneys play in our communities, and to raise awareness of and support for pro bono legal service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 21 - 25, 2019, 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 further address the issue of domestic violence in our state and to ensure a just democratic society for the people of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA