

Wyoming Celebrates the Work of Volunteer Attorneys

Cheyenne – On October 24, Governor Matt Mead signed a proclamation designating the week of October 23–29, 2016 to be Pro Bono Week in the State of Wyoming. Wyoming is joining the national Celebrate Pro Bono Week, encouraging attorneys across the state to volunteer their time to provide free legal services in their communities to those who would otherwise be unable to afford a lawyer. Equal Justice Wyoming, the Wyoming State Bar, local bar associations, and legal aid providers will be organizing various events across Wyoming to make legal services available to the public.

“Pro Bono Week is not only an opportunity for the public to get free legal information and help,” said Angie Dorsch, Executive Director of Equal Justice Wyoming, “it is also a time to recognize and applaud the work of the many dedicated attorneys who give back to their communities all year long through their pro bono service.”

“In my view, pro bono work is not only an honor to do, but also part of our professional obligation as attorneys,” said Liz Hutchinson, Pro Bono Coordinator of Equal Justice Wyoming. “Access to civil justice is a pressing issue across the country, as about eighty percent of civil legal needs go unmet in marginalized populations. Our goal during Pro Bono Week is to highlight the work that we are able to do to close the access gap.”

For a full list of upcoming events, please visit www.legalhelp.wy.gov (go to “Calendar of Events”).