

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

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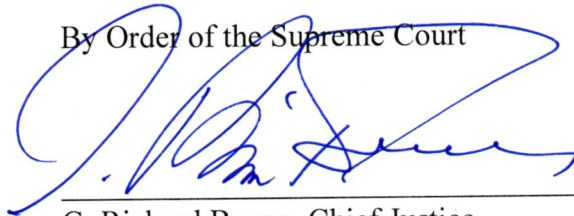
ORDER

The Court having reviewed and approved the attached Resolution;  
NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the attached RESOLUTION be, and hereby  
is, adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of this Order shall be published electronically  
by the Idaho State Bar.


Dated this 2nd day of September, 2025

By Order of the Supreme Court



G. Richard Bevan, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

  
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING IDAHO PRO BONO WEEK OCTOBER 19-25, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, we are a nation dedicated to “liberty and justice for all,” and equal justice and the fair administration of justice are fundamental to our system of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the promise of equal justice under the law is not realized for individuals and families who have no meaningful access to the justice system because they are unable to pay for legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, this de facto denial of equal justice has an adverse impact on these individuals, families, and society as a whole, and works to erode public trust and confidence in our system of justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho’s lawyers and judges strongly support the provision of free-of-charge legal services to those cannot afford them and have joined together in a collaborative effort to support pro bono services through the establishment of the Idaho Pro Bono Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous public and private Idaho lawyers perform pro bono service through the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program under the auspices of the Idaho State Bar and Idaho Law Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, lawyers provided more than 4,240 hours of pro bono service through Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program in 2024 (including cases, legal clinics, and hours for CASA were reported); and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Legal Aid Services is a statewide non-profit law firm dedicated to serving the civil legal needs of low income Idahoans through its seven regional offices and provides free legal services to thousands of Idahoans with legal problems such as domestic violence, wrongful evictions, illegal foreclosure, guardianships for abused or neglected children, Medicaid and Social Security problems of seniors, and unlawful discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Law Foundation is sponsoring a statewide Access to Justice campaign to fund legal services for low-income residents and persons with disabilities, with the funding to be shared among the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, Idaho Legal Aid Services, and Disability Rights Idaho; and

**WHEREAS**, many Idaho lawyers, acting upon their volition, generously provide many untallied hours of pro bono service to the citizens of our State without receiving recognition for their unpaid services; and

**WHEREAS**, students at the University of Idaho College of Law perform pro bono service, under the supervision of lawyers and judges, as part of the College’s distinctive pro bono program in which every student participates; and

**WHEREAS**, October 19-25, 2025 has been designated as National Pro Bono Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Pro Bono Commission, consisting of the state courts of Idaho, the United States Courts for the District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Idaho, the Idaho State Bar, the Idaho Law Foundation, and the University of Idaho College of Law, recognizes the need to expand the delivery of legal services to economically disadvantaged persons and families;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Idaho Pro Bono Commission and its constituent members recognize Pro Bono Week, October 19-25, 2025 as a time for Idaho, along with the rest of the Nation, to honor the work of those who provide volunteer legal services, to address the need for civil legal assistance on matters of profound urgency, and to remind all attorneys of their responsibility to assist in meeting the legal profession's sacred commitment to equal justice under the law.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025, by the IDAHO PRO BONO COMMISSION, and its constituent members: SUPREME COURT OF IDAHO, UNITED STATES DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO, IDAHO STATE BAR, IDAHO LAW FOUNDATION, and the UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO COLLEGE OF LAW.