

2009 Law Day Proclamation
**“A Legacy of Liberty – Celebrating
Lincoln’s Bicentennial”**

Whereas this country was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and

Whereas a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities that those freedoms impose; and

Whereas the Law Day 2009 theme, A Legacy of Liberty - Celebrating Lincoln’s Bicentennial, encourages all Americans to explore the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as one of our nation’s greatest and most eloquent president.

Now therefore I, _____ (mayor, governor, etc.) of _____, (town) do hereby proclaim Friday, May 1, 2009, as Law Day.

I urge the citizens, schools, businesses, legal professionals, and media of _____ (town) to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on May 1, 2009 as Law Day in _____ (town).