

2010 Law Day Proclamation

“Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges”

Whereas our legal institutions and system of justice depend on popular participation and support to maintain legitimate authority

Whereas Americans from all walks of life, public figures and private individuals alike, have reaffirmed in words and deeds our national allegiance to the rule of law

Whereas lawyers and judges recognize that they bear a special responsibility to foster public understanding of law and legal institutions and commitment to the rule of law

Whereas Law Day has been an annual observance since President Dwight Eisenhower established it in 1958 as “a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law”

Whereas Law Day 2010 provides us with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the emerging challenges that confront our world—and the law—in the 21st century, while reaffirming enduring legal traditions

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Mayor/Governor of _____, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2010, as Law Day. I call upon the people of the city/state of _____ to acknowledge the importance of our legal and judicial systems with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to display the flag of the United States and our city/state in support of this educational observance. I further encourage schools, businesses, media, religious institutions, civic, and service organizations to join members of the bar and bench in commemorating Law Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of April, in the year two thousand ten, of the Independence of the United States two hundred and thirty-four, and of the year of statehood/incorporation of our city the _____.

(Signature)