

# 2013 Law Day Proclamation

## “Realizing the Dream: Equality for All”

**WHEREAS:** *Law Day is a day of public acknowledgement of our nation’s and Michigan’s heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law, and May 1<sup>st</sup> has been declared “Law Day” by the United States Congress; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The American Bar Association has declared the theme for Law Day 2013 as “Realizing the Dream: Equality for All”; and*

**WHEREAS:** *This year’s theme recognizes the inextricable link between freedom and equality, the importance of living up to the promise of equality under the law enshrined in our nation’s founding documents, and the challenges that remain in realizing that ideal;*

**WHEREAS:** *The year 2013 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech; and*

**WHEREAS:** *All Americans are entitled to equal protection of the law and to the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor/Governor/City Council Chair/ Etc. of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2013, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, in the year two thousand thirteen.

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(Signature)