

2015 Law Day Proclamation

“Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law”

WHEREAS Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation’s and Michigan’s heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law;

WHEREAS Law Day has been annually proclaimed by the President of the United States since Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day on May 1, 1958;

WHEREAS the United States Congress in 1961 encoded the presidential practice into law, statutorily designating May 1 as Law Day;

WHEREAS the year 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of a milestone in legal history, the sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede, England, in 1215;

WHEREAS the Founders of our Nation drew upon the principles of Magna Carta in drafting our cherished documents of liberty, including the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights;

WHEREAS Magna Carta has become one of the world’s most enduring symbols of liberty under law;

WHEREAS Magna Carta continues to be a source of inspiration in the international struggle to advance human rights;

WHEREAS promoting public understanding the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS the American Bar Association has identified the 2105 Law Day theme as “Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law”;

WHEREAS Law Day, MAY 1, 2015, will be commemorated in the state of Michigan

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Mayor/Governor/City Council Chair/ Etc. of _____, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2015, 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.

(Signature)

