

B. PRO BONO DAY - NOV 1, 2013

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, access to justice is a fundamental and essential right in a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, many people cannot afford the high cost of legal representation and would face great difficulty proceeding on their own without an attorney; and

WHEREAS, legal services agencies, the State Bar of New Mexico, the Ninth Judicial District Court, the Ninth Judicial District Pro Bono Committee, and the Curry and Roosevelt County Bar Associations have enlisted the services of volunteer attorneys to provide valuable legal services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, in New Mexico, volunteer attorneys donate thousands of pro bono service hours each year;

WHEREAS, the innumerable contributions of volunteer attorneys enable many people to obtain legal assistance they could not otherwise obtain; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of New Mexico has recognized the importance of volunteer lawyers in providing legal services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth Judicial District Pro Bono Committee is hosting an Ask-A-Lawyer pro bono legal fair on November 1, 2013, from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. at the YAM Theater (219 S. Main St., Portales, NM), giving the citizens of Roosevelt and Curry counties an opportunity to receive a free legal consultation with a volunteer attorney; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon L. King, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Portales, New Mexico, do hereby declare the 1st day of November 2013 as:

“CELEBRATE PRO BONO DAY”

And urge all members of our community to recognize the contributions of our legal community to help those most in need.

Sharon L. King, Mayor

