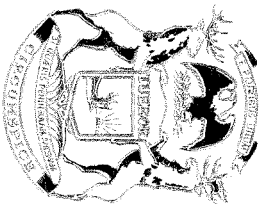


STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
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Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm hereby proclaim May 3, 2006, as

Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day

Whereas, The Legal Assistant/Paralegal profession has made vast contributions to legal services both in Michigan and throughout our nation; and,

Whereas, The State Bar of Michigan Legal Assistants Section was founded in 1990 and provides a professional affiliation for practicing legal assistant/paralegals throughout the State of Michigan; and,

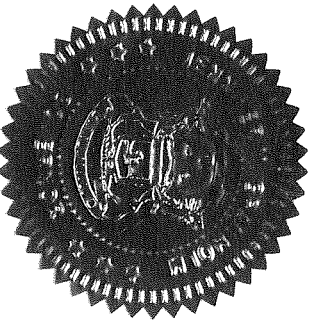
Whereas, The terms paralegal and legal assistant are used interchangeably, just as the terms lawyer and attorney are interchangeable, and are defined as persons through education, training, or work experience to perform substantive legal work that requires knowledge of legal concepts and is customarily, but not exclusively, performed by a lawyer; and,


Whereas, Paralegals have taken responsibility for a large portion of the substantive work previously performed by attorneys; and,

Whereas, The Bench and Bar have been able to respond to the dramatic increase in court caseload in recent years, as a result of the evolution of the paralegal profession; and,

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan are better able to afford quality legal services because of the evolution of the legal profession; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2006, as Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day in Michigan.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor