





WHEREAS, sixty-six years ago, in 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed May 1<sup>81</sup> "Law Day" to honor the role of law, a cornerstone in the foundation of the United States of America and in 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1<sup>81</sup> "Law Day" "to foster a full understanding and appreciation of our liberties and of the legal and judicial institutions which protect them", and

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the principles that voluntary adherence to the Rules of Law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and

WHEREAS, the separation of powers among branches of the government are essential to preserving the Rule of Law; and

WHEREAS, an independent judiciary is essential to a free society and administration of laws; and

WHEREAS, a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities which those freedoms impose; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2024 is "Voices of Democracy". The goal of this theme is to encourage Americans to participate in the 2024 elections by deepening their understanding of the electoral process, discussing issues in honest and civil ways, turning out to vote and, finally, helping to move the country forward after free and fair elections. In this way, Americans ensure that our government remains responsive to the wishes of the people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lycoming County Commissioners, on behalf of the grateful citizens of our County, recognize May 1st as "Law Day and urge all citizens to deepen their understanding of the Rule of Law in order to strengthen our democracy, defend our liberty and pursue justice.

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