

Sample Law Day 2023 Proclamation for States and Localities

Whereas, in 1958 President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and

Whereas, the theme for Law Day 2023 is Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration; and

Whereas, at times throughout our nation's history, there have been divisions in society, aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding about the Constitution and the way American government works. Even the Founding generation overcame deep divisions to craft our great charter of government; and

Whereas, all Americans must remember, as President Lincoln proclaimed, "We are not enemies, but friends... Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection;" and

Whereas, members of the legal profession should lead the way in promoting collaboration to overcome our differences and resolve our disputes so that we may strengthen the bonds of affection between citizens, and ensure all Americans understand how our constitutional order protects the blessings of liberty; and

Whereas the theme for Law Day 2023 is Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration, we encourage all Americans to work together to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes, and preserve our democracy and republic.

Now, therefore, I [Governor of State/Mayor of City] do hereby proclaim May 1, 2023 as Law Day [Week]. I urge everyone to observe this day by renewing their commitment to civic engagement, civility, and collaboration.

