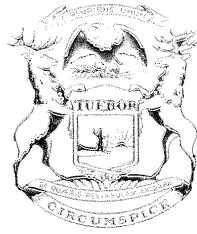


# STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive  
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,  
do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

### Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day

**Whereas,** The legal assistant/paralegal profession has made vast contributions to legal services 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 assistants/paralegals throughout the State of Michigan; and,

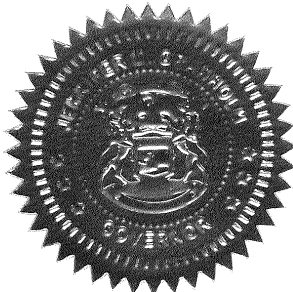
**Whereas,** The terms paralegal and legal assistant are interchangeable, just as the terms lawyer and attorney are interchangeable, and are defined as persons qualified through education, training or work experience to perform substantive legal work requiring knowledge of legal concepts, that is customarily, 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 assistant/paralegal profession; and now therefore be it,

**Resolved,** That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day in Michigan.



  
Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor