



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Troy City Council
FROM: Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney
DATE: April 13, 2009
SUBJECT: 2009 Law Day

Since 2004, the City Attorney's Office has embraced Law Day, which was established in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as a "day of national dedication to the principle of government under law." The officially designated Law Day is May 1, 2009, and therefore the attached proposed proclamation recognizing Law Day 2009 is attached for your consideration.

This year, the ABA has chosen "A Legacy of Liberty: Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial" as the theme. In connection with this theme, the Troy City Attorney's Office is sponsoring a Children's Art Display, where children under 12 years of age are encouraged to submit artistic expressions that honor President Abraham Lincoln by highlighting his contributions to our nation. The attached flyer provides the details of the Children's Art Display.

In addition to the Children's Art Display, the City Attorney's Office will also be sponsoring a Law Day Reception. As in all of our past celebrations, the Law Day celebration is funded entirely through the generosity of the members of the City Attorney's Office. We are accepting monetary and other donations on behalf of CARE HOUSE, which can be turned in up to the date of the Reception, which is scheduled for May 6, 2009, from 8:30 to 10 am in the Law Library.

Back by popular demand, the City Attorney's Office is also creating our annual Law Day Quiz. This year's quiz is posted on the Law Day webpage, located at <http://www.troymi.gov/law>. Answers to the Quiz will be posted after May 6, 2009. The Law Day celebrations from previous years are also featured on the Law Day webpage.

Thank you for your anticipated support of this annual event.

LAW DAY PROCLAMATION

May 1, 2009

WHEREAS, in 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law; and

WHEREAS, this country was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and

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

WHEREAS the Law Day 2009 theme, *A Legacy of Liberty- Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial*, encourages all Americans to explore the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as one of our nation's greatest and eloquent president.

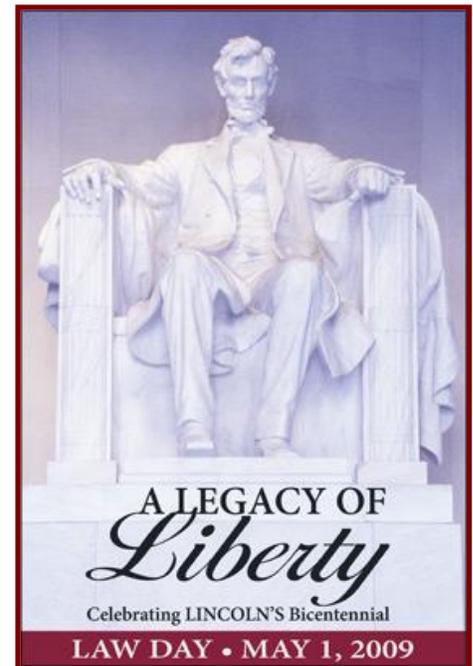
NOW THEREFORE, the Troy City Council hereby proclaims Friday, May 1, 2009, as Law Day, and urges the citizens, schools, businesses, legal professionals, and media to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council encourages citizens to take advantage of the educational opportunities and information provided as part of the Troy City Attorney's Office 2009 Law Day Program; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Troy City Council welcomes and encourages all children to participate in the Children's Art Display, in honor of Abraham Lincoln and his contribution to our nation.

Law Day 2009

Children's Art Display



A LEGACY OF LIBERTY: CELEBRATING LINCOLN'S BICENTENNIAL

In celebration of Law Day, May 1st, 2009, the Troy City Attorney's Office is inviting children age 12 and under to participate in recognizing Abraham Lincoln's 200TH birthday and his Legacy of Liberty by submitting an art project depicting an important event in Lincoln's life or symbolizing Lincoln's role in preserving the Union or his dedication to the proposition that all men are created equal. The art project may be in any type of media but should be limited in size to 11 inches by 14 inches (if depicted on a flat surface) or no more than 12 inches in height. The back or underside of the art project must list the name and age of the participant and a home address and telephone number.

Art projects will be accepted at the Troy City Attorney's Office on or before May 1st, 2009. All participants will receive a certificate or ribbon. Some of the entries will be placed on display in City Hall and on the City of Troy Website at www.troymi.gov. The City cannot guarantee the return of the art project to the participant.

We welcome and encourage the participation of children and grandchildren of City of Troy employees and residents of the City.

