



*WHEREAS, sixty-six years ago, in 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed May 1<sup>st</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>st</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 2025 is "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One". This theme urges us to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation. Our civic lives tie us together. This theme also emphasizes the importance of the rule of law and active citizenry.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lycoming County Commissioners, on behalf of the grateful citizens of our County, recognize May 1<sup>st</sup> as "Law Day and our County's celebration on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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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