

BOARD OF **D**IRECTORS

RESOLUTION

In Recognition of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association's 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA), founded in 1911, is the oldest and largest national, nonprofit membership organization devoting all of its resources to ensuring equal access to justice for all Americans;

WHEREAS, NLADA is a trusted resource for civil legal services programs across the United States and its territories, giving them a strong voice at the national level;

WHEREAS, NLADA has been a valuable partner with the Legal Services Corporation since its creation in 1974, collaborating with us to ensure the availability of high-quality civil legal services, and particularly in our efforts to secure adequate funding for our grantees;

WHEREAS, NLADA provides through its Annual Conference a valuable forum for legal services program directors, staff attorneys, board members, volunteers and other advocates to share ideas and best practices in the delivery of legal services;

WHEREAS, NLADA strengthens the delivery of high-quality civil legal services through the training provided at its Substantive Law, Litigation and Advocacy Directors' and Equal Justice conferences;

WHEREAS, NLADA provides an opportunity for client leaders to serve at the national level through its Client Policy Group and Client Section;

WHEREAS, NLADA played a lead role in revision of the ABA Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Services to the Poor;

WHEREAS, NLADA, through the Project for the Future of Equal Justice, provided programs with support for fundraising and public awareness, which helped many programs begin successful development and communications efforts; and

WHEREAS, NLADA also promotes access to justice through its support for the indigent defense community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors formally recognizes, commends and congratulates NLADA on 100 years of dedication to the cause of equal access to justice in the United States of America.

Adopted by the Board of Directors

On January 29, 2011

John G. Levi, Chairman

Patricia D. Batie

Corporate Secretary