

## Wyoming Access to Justice Commission

### Resolution Affirming the Commitment to Meaningful Access to Justice for All

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission acknowledges that the promise of equal justice is not realized for individuals and families who have no meaningful access to the justice system and that the Judicial Branch has the primary leadership responsibility to ensure access for those who face impediments they cannot surmount on their own; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission recognizes that ensuring access to justice in matters involving basic human needs, such as shelter, sustenance, safety, health, and child custody, is one of the Commission's highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, significant advances in developing a continuum of meaningful and appropriate services to secure effective assistance for essential civil legal needs have been made by state courts, national organizations, state Access to Justice Commissions, state bar associations, and similar bodies during the last decade; and


WHEREAS, these advances include, but are not limited to, expanded self-help services to litigants, new or modified court rules and processes that facilitate access, limited scope representation by counsel, increased pro bono assistance, effective use of technology, increased availability of legal aid services, enhanced language access services, and triage models to match specific needs to the appropriate level of services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission supports the aspiration goal of 100 percent access to effective assistance for essential civil legal needs and urges leaders of the Wyoming legal community to develop a plan to achieve this goal through a continuum of meaningful and appropriate services.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

By:

  
Justice Kate M. Fox