



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Proclamation

Presented this 9th day of May 2019

WHEREAS, Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS) was established as the first legal aid hotline in the country in 1993 as part of an effort to streamline the delivery of legal aid services to the poor; and,

WHEREAS, CARPLS' experience as a national leader has shown that without legal help, people often make uninformed decisions that have life-changing implications; and,

WHEREAS, CARPLS' trained attorneys have provided immediate access to legal advice when people need it most, at more than 900,000 legal consultations to date; and,

WHEREAS, CARPLS' unique "legal triage" system has served as a model for legal aid communities across the country and has helped to increase access to justice by dramatically reducing the cost of legal services; and,

WHEREAS, CARPLS has recently extended its operations with the launch of the Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (IL-AFLAN), a statewide legal aid program dedicated to serving veterans, service members, and their families; and,

WHEREAS, CARPLS will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with the rollout of its One Justice campaign to protect and strengthen our families and communities by giving anyone with a legal problem access to an attorney; and,

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2019 as **CARPLS' ONE JUSTICE DAY** in the State of Illinois and urge all residents to become familiar with the services and benefits CARPLS and IL-AFLAN offer in our state and community and support and participate in advocacy for civil legal aid.




JB Pritzker
Governor, State of Illinois