



Olene Smith Walker Governor Declaration

Whereas, the paralegal's primary role is to help attorneys at law deliver professional, low-cost legal services to the public as part of the lawyer/para-professional team;

Whereas, the Utah Supreme Court defines a paralegal as a person qualified through education, training or experience, who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, governmental agency or other entity to perform specifically designated, substantive legal work that requires a sufficient knowledge of legal concepts;

Whereas, the Utah State Bar officially recognized the valuable contributions of paralegals in 1996 by creating a Paralegal Division (previously known as the Legal Assistant Division);

Whereas, paralegals are expected to maintain the integrity of the legal profession and are subject to the rules of professional conduct governing lawyers licensed to practice in the state of Utah; and

Whereas, the American Bar Association and other professional societies have recognized and promulgated the utilization of paralegals in the rendering of legal services;

Now, Therefore, I, Olene S. Walker, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare the third Thursday in May as

Paralegal's Day
Olene S. Walker
Governor

