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WHEREAS, National Public Defender Day was created in 2016 to commemorate the 1963 U.S. Supreme Court landmark case Gideon v. Wainwright which extended the right to counsel, which had been found for federal criminal defendants under the Fifth and Sixth Amendments, to criminal defendants in state courts, and

WHEREAS, The National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts promotes court systems that are fair to all and free of racial and ethnic bias and, therefore, supports the work of public defenders and legal aid organizations as they ensure equal access to justice in our courts.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts acknowledges the dedicated work of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and all attorneys providing legal defense to those who need it most. We honor you on this special day, **National Public Defender Day**.

Susan Maven

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