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Chief Justice McCormack Honors Friend of the Court *National Leader in Protecting Families Celebrates 100th Year*

LANSING, MI, July 29, 2019 – Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack has joined with the Friend of the Court Association to celebrate August 2019 as the 100th anniversary of Michigan’s Friend of the Court. The Chief Justice also attended the annual meeting of the association and swore in their officers.

“Truly, the one attribute of the 2000 professionals who work for Friend of the Court are just that – a friend to the hundreds of thousands of families who depend on your work,” noted Chief Justice Bridget McCormack. “You are a lifeline for families who are struggling with divorce, parenting time, and other difficult issues. You serve those moms, dads, and children with dignity, respect, compassion, and dedication that is unmatched.”

Chief Justice McCormack presented the association with a Michigan Supreme Court resolution highlighting the anniversary, noting, in part: “...for 100 years, Michigan’s Friend of the Court has been an innovative leader and national pioneer in protecting the welfare of families and children....”

Enacted on August 14, 1919, Friend of the Court legislation was adopted to protect the welfare of families and children by investigating and recommending parenting time, support, and to provide alternative dispute resolution for families.

The Friend of the Court, in 2018, served nearly 750,000 families and supervised distribution of more than \$1.4 billion dollars of child support, medical expenses, and spousal support; and assisted families over 14,000 times in voluntarily resolving custody and parenting time disputes.

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