

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship and the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury duty because service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service is fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show appreciation for the jury system and for the 22,800 Hidalgo County citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service; applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect; providing jurors with tools that will assist in their decision making; and continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the week of May 2, 2016 as Jury Appreciation Week and thanks all the citizens of Hidalgo County who respond and fulfill their civic duty.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2016.

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County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
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