

Resolution declaring May 2-6 Jury 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 our court depends upon citizens to serve as jurors; and

Whereas service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system. All citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service; 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 are 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 tens of thousands of citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby declare May 2-6 2022 as Jury Appreciate Week and encourages all citizens to become informed about jury duty and the importance of jury service. Hidalgo County applauds the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty and vows to help ensure that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among citizens and a fair cross section of the community; and that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome; and provides jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and continues to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.

Approved this 3rd day of May, 2022.

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