



WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS
PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 20-24, 2019 AS
JURY APPRECIATION WEEK



The County of Williamson is proud to join the Williamson County Commissioners Court in honoring citizens who serve as jurors in Williamson County. We also extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all employers who support the jury system by paying their employees for jury service. In honoring the excellent service and commitment of citizens who perform jury duty, we hope to reinforce public confidence in the justice system, improve communication with jurors and employers and disseminate an important and positive message about jury service.

WHEREAS, the right to a trial is one of the core values of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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 thousands of citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Lisa David, District Clerk, together with the Williamson County Judiciary is committed to the following goals:

- Educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service;
- Applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty;
- Ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly by supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors;
- Ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among citizens and that a fair cross section of the community is called for jury service;
- Ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome;
- Providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and
- Continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the week of May 20-24, 2019 be designated **JURY APPRECIATION WEEK** and that the undersigned support(s) the celebration of this week. **ADOPTED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2019.**

Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge

Lisa David, District Clerk

Terry Cook, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Cynthia Long, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Valerie Covey, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Russ Boles, Commissioner, Precinct 4