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## This Week, Celebrate Idaho's Jurors

Idaho's state courts are honoring a group vital to Idahoans' constitutional rights — jurors.

Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan announced this week to be “Jury Appreciation Week” in a proclamation signed May 4 and posted online at [isc.idaho.gov/press-releases](https://isc.idaho.gov/press-releases). “The obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are fundamental to preserving and implementing the right to a trial by jury,” the proclamation states.

Both the Idaho and U.S. constitutions guarantee this right to a trial by a jury of our peers. But who are those peers? They are other Idahoans — friends, neighbors, perfect strangers — called to participate in one of the highest duties of citizenship.

Performing jury service means stepping out of your daily life to help resolve someone else's dispute. This can mean determining a person's guilt under a criminal law, or deciding a civil disagreement.

All such service, no matter the issue at stake, is an important public duty that preserves our collective rights. The proclamation contains the Idaho Supreme Court's pledge to ensure that jury service is shared fairly among Idahoans and to continually improve the juror experience in this state's courts.

Your local courts this week may hold other activities to recognize and celebrate jurors. The Idaho Judicial Branch thanks everyone who serves on Idaho's juries — now and in the future.

Learn more about jury service in Idaho's state courts at [isc.idaho.gov/main/pamphlets-guides](https://isc.idaho.gov/main/pamphlets-guides).

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