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Chief Justice: Thank You to Idaho's Jurors

Government by the people is government that involves its people. The right to jury trial offers that involvement in a way no other public service provides.

Idaho's Judicial Branch is honoring its jurors during Jury Appreciation Week, May 8-12. "[O]ne of the most significant actions Idaho's courts can take is to show appreciation to the citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries," wrote Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan in a proclamation posted at isc.idaho.gov.

Trial by a jury of one's peers is a fundamental principle of our Constitution. A judge presides over a case, but a jury decides its outcome. Idaho's courts rely on the members of the public who are called as jurors and who take time from their lives to decide the facts of a case.

The Jury Appreciation Week proclamation shares the Idaho Supreme Court's commitment to a system that treats jurors with respect and encourages their service. Local courts this week may hold additional activities to recognize jurors.

"[A] continuing priority 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," Chief Justice Bevan wrote.

Please join with Idaho's state courts in supporting all those called to jury service, and all who will be in the future. Learn more about jury service at isc.idaho.gov/main/pamphlets-guides.

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