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Idaho State Courts Honor Jurors This Week

Idaho's Judicial Branch honors the work of citizen jurors this week during Jury Appreciation Week, May 12-16.

Trial by jury is a fundamental principle of our state and federal constitutions. Jurors are asked to perform one of the highest duties of citizenship — and few such duties involve such direct participation in government by a member of the public.

Idaho's courts rely on the members of the public who take time from their lives to decide the facts of a case. "One of the most significant actions Idaho's courts can take is to show appreciation to the citizens who give their time and talents to serve on juries," Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan wrote in a proclamation posted at isc.idaho.gov.

State courts are showing that appreciation in various ways. Jurors serving this week in places like Ada, Canyon or Kootenai counties may receive a small treat or the chance for a raffle prize. In Bonneville County, jurors will receive a special certificate of the court's appreciation for their service. In Twin Falls County and others they will be read Chief Justice Bevan's words of thanks and support — a pledge to "ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome."

From all of Idaho's courts, thank you to the jurors whose service makes possible our rule of law.

Learn more about jury service on the Idaho Supreme Court's website.

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