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## Superior Court of California, County of Merced

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## Merced Court Celebrates Juror Appreciation Week May 13-17

MERCED, CA-The Superior Court of California, County of Merced is celebrating Juror Appreciation Week from May 13-17, to recognize the service and participation of jurors from our local community. Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in "making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality."

"We deeply appreciate the sacrifices and contributions jurors make to our justice system" said Presiding Judge Mark Bacciarini.

Annually, millions of Californians statewide participate in jury service:

- Nearly 12 million people are summoned to jury service
- More than 4.5 million people complete jury service, either in-person, on call or standby
- Approximately 98,000 are sworn in as trial jurors

There will always be a need for jurors and, through their service, be able to resolve our disputes in a court of law. There is simply no replacement for their role in our legal system.

For more information regarding jury service, contact Amanda Toste, Court Executive Officer/Jury Commissioner at (209) 725-4100, and see <a href="https://www.merced.courts.ca.gov">www.merced.courts.ca.gov</a> or visit the <a href="https://www.merced.courts.ca.gov">Jury Service</a> section of the California Courts website.

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