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## Superior Court of California, County of Merced

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### **Merced Court Celebrates Juror Appreciation Week May 11 – 15**

Merced County, CA - The Superior Court of California, County of Merced is celebrating Juror Appreciation Week from May 11-15, 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.”

There will always be a need for jurors, whose service allows us to resolve disputes within a court of law. Their role in our legal system is truly irreplaceable.

Annually, millions of Californians statewide participate in jury service:

- Approximately 10 million people are summoned to jury service;
- More than 4.5 million people complete jury service, either in-person, on call or standby;
- Approximately 99,000 people are sworn in as trial jurors; and
- Over 70% of prospective jurors who arrive in person complete their service in one day.

For more information regarding jury service, contact Amanda Toste, Court Executive Officer/Jury Commissioner at (209) 725-4100, and see [www.merced.courts.ca.gov](http://www.merced.courts.ca.gov), or visit the [Jury Service section](#) of the California Courts website.

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