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SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 13-17, 2019

SAN BERNARDINO, CA—San Bernardino County Superior Court will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 13 through May 17, to recognize San Bernardino County citizens who answer the call to serve their communities and put into practice the fundamental American ideal of justice.

In 1998, the California Legislature designated the second week in May each year to honor the important contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in "making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality and to raise their contribution to our courts."

A jury guarantees that everyone has the right to a fair trial where they can be heard and judged by their peers. In recognition of this valuable service, the judicial branch has worked to make jury duty less burdensome with one-day or one-trial jury service models, plainlanguage jury instructions, and other improvements.

In celebration of Juror Appreciation Week, bookmarks, gavel-shaped pencils, and light refreshments will be available to all jurors at the San Bernardino Justice Center, Rancho Cucamonga, Victorville, and Joshua Tree Jury Assembly Rooms.

Statewide, Californians participate in jury service in the following ways:

- Almost 9 million people are summoned to jury service annually;
- More than 4 million prospective jurors are eligible and available to serve; and
- Approximately 80 percent of prospective jurors who report to courthouse in person complete service in one day.

For more information or questions, please contact the Communications and Public Affairs Unit, at (909) 708-8779 or <u>Courts-pio@sb-court.org</u>.

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