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### **JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK CELEBRATING JURORS DURING JURY SERVICE**

Ventura, Calif.—The Superior Court of Ventura County will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 11-15, 2015. The second full week in May was identified for juror appreciation in 1998 by a special resolution of the California Legislature recognizing the important contributions of citizens in devoting their time and effort to make the cherished right of trial by jury a reality. Juror Appreciation Week is now an annual event in courts throughout the state.

The right to trial by a jury of one's peers lies at the heart of our justice system and is a cornerstone of our democracy. It requires the full participation of our citizens and in recognition of this valuable service, the judicial branch has worked to ease the inconvenience of jury duty with one-day or one-trial service and plain language jury instructions.

More than 500,000 Californians serve on juries each year, according to the state Judicial Council. The Superior Court of Ventura County recognizes the sacrifices our citizens make in performing their jury service and we hope that everyone in the community values the rights which distinguish our justice system from all others, including the critical right to a jury trial.

"On behalf of all of the judges and the entire court staff, we thank our jurors for their valuable time and service in our courtrooms. Jury service is much more than an obligation; it is an opportunity to participate as integral members of our justice system", said Assistant Presiding Judge, Patricia M. Murphy.

For more information on jury service, contact Nan Richardson, Court Program Manager, (805) 289-8663 or visit the court's website [ventura.courts.ca.gov](http://ventura.courts.ca.gov) and click on the Jury Services tab or visit the jury service section of the California Courts Website.

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