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In the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico

*JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK RECOGNITION
APRIL 27 - MAY 1, 2015*

WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship;

WHEREAS, the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote;

WHEREAS, our courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors;

WHEREAS, service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system;

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service;

WHEREAS, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show appreciation for the jury system and for the tens of thousands of citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries.

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Mexico State Courts are committed to the following goals:

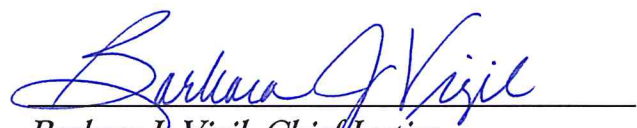
- educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service;*
- applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty;*
- ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly by supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors;*

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- *ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among all citizens and that a fair cross section of the community is called for jury service including this State's non-English speaking population;*
- *ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome;*
- *providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and*
- *continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara J. Vigil, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, do hereby recognize the week of April 27 - May 1, 2015, as Juror Appreciation Week in New Mexico and encourage all state courts in New Mexico to support the celebration of this week.

DONE in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 13th day of April, 2015.


Barbara J. Vigil, Chief Justice