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Juror Appreciation Week May 11-15, 2009

Santa Ana, CA - The Superior Court of California, County of Orange will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 11-15, to acknowledge the service and participation of local citizens as jurors. Each juror will receive a small memento from the Court for his or her service.

“Each and every juror’s participation and contribution to our American system of justice is appreciated,” said Presiding Judge Kim G. Dunning. “Trial by jury is a cherished constitutional right.”

The second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to recognize the important contributions of citizens in devoting their time and effort in “making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality.” Juror Appreciation Week is now an annual event.

In fiscal year 2007-2008, thousands of Orange County residents participated in jury service:

- Approximately 744,000 people were summoned to jury service;
- Nearly 494,000 responded to their summons;
- More than 1,000 jury trials were completed (947 criminal and 251 civil).

For information about California jury service, go to www.occourts.org and also visit the California Courts Web site at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury.