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Monterey County Superior Court Celebrates Juror Appreciation Week May 10–14

[SALINAS]—The Superior Court of Monterey County will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 10–14, to recognize the service and participation of jurors from our community. Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution of 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.”

Each year, the Monterey Superior Court and the Judicial Council of California team up to recognize the millions of Californians who answer the call to serve their communities and put into practice the fundamental American ideal of trial by jury.

Over the past year the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in radical changes to our way of life. It has affected our families and communities in profound ways, from classrooms to courthouses. For the judicial branch, that has meant leveraging technology to provide more services remotely and virtually, as well as implementing numerous procedures to protect public health and safety while maintaining access to justice.

During this unique time, jury service looks very different from prior years. However, it remains as critical as ever to the effective functioning of our justice process. So we think there is no better time to recognize the invaluable service our jurors provide. There is simply no replacement for their role – YOUR role – in our legal system. As we continue to navigate the pandemic, there will always be a need for jurors and, through their service, to be able to resolve disputes in a court of law.

As it has throughout the pandemic, Monterey Superior Court continues to place the highest priority on the health and safety of the jurors we summon to serve at the courthouse. Changes to the juror selection and jury trial process that were implemented in response to the pandemic remain in place.

For more information on jury service, contact Christopher Ruhl, Jury Commissioner, at (831) 775-5400, and/or see <https://portal.monterey.courts.ca.gov/jury>, or visit the [Jury Service section](#) of the California Courts website.

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