



## News Release

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### JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK

The week of October 13-16, 2009 has been declared "Juror Appreciation Week" by the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. It is the Court's way of recognizing and honoring the citizens of Lake County who have been summoned to be here this week to serve, as well as those citizens who have performed their civic duty in the past.

"Our jury system is the best in the world. Jurors have a great responsibility and play a very important role in the justice system," said Chief Judge James Booras. This year about 9,000 Lake County residents will report for jury service. "On behalf of the judges of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all those who serve."

Juror Appreciation Week includes:

>A Proclamation of the Lake County Board declaring Juror Appreciation Week in Lake County during the week of October 13-16, 2009;

>A welcome given by Chief Judge James Booras to jurors summoned during the week of October 13-16, 2009;

>Public service announcements in the media thanking jurors for their dedicated service;

>Speaker programs designed to explain why we have juries in the United States.

According to the National Center for State Courts, 95% of all jury trials are held in the United States.

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