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## **JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK DECLARED BY THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

The week of October 10-13, 2017 has been declared "Juror Appreciation Week" by the judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Trial by jury is an essential part of every American's birthright as guaranteed by the state and federal constitutions. According to Chief Judge Jorge L. Ortiz, "This week has been set aside to honor the many citizens of Lake County who have performed their civic duty as jurors in cases at the Lake County Courthouse."

Plans for "Juror Appreciation Week" include:

- A Proclamation of the Lake County Board declaring Juror Appreciation Week in Lake County during the week of October 10-13, 2017
- A welcome given by Chief Judge Jorge L. Ortiz to jurors summoned during the week of October 10-13, 2017
- Public service announcements in the media thanking jurors for their dedicated service

"The judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit want our jurors to know that they play a very important role in the justice system, and we do appreciate the many sacrifices that jurors have to make when they are called for jury service," said Chief Judge Ortiz.

Approximately 8,500 citizens each year report for jury service in Lake County. The right to a jury trial is ensured by the Sixth and Seventh Amendments to the United States Constitution and by Article 1, Section 13 of the Illinois Constitution. The prevalence of jury trials makes the American court system unique. For general juror information in Lake County visit:

<http://19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/1252/General-Juror-Information>.

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