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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DECLARES JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK

The week of October 1 – 5, 2018 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 right as guaranteed by state and federal constitutions. According to Chief Judge Jay W. Ukena, "Jurors are the backbone of our court system, and this is a week to honor the citizens of Lake County who have performed their civic duty."

Plans for Juror Appreciation Week include:

- A resolution proclaiming Juror Appreciation Week by the Lake County Board
- A welcome given by Chief Judge Jay W. Ukena to summoned jurors
- Public service announcements in the media thanking jurors for their service
- Light refreshments offered as a "thank you" to those who are serving

In Lake County, jurors are selected from lists of licensed drivers and registered voters. Approximately 8,500 residents of Lake County report each year for jury service. The right to a jury trial is ensured by the Sixth and Seventh Amendments of the United States Constitution, and by Article 1, Section 13 of the Illinois Constitution. For additional information on Lake County Jurors, please visit our [website](#).

"The Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit would like to express our gratitude to those who serve on juries in our Court. Jurors are essential and valued, as they ensure every citizen's right to have their case decided by an impartial group of representatives from the community," said Chief Judge Jay W. Ukena.

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