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May 13 – 17: Juror Appreciation Week

Court honors Santa Clara County jurors for their contribution to the pursuit of justice.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (May 10, 2013): the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara (Court) will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week from May 13 – 17, 2013. To honor Santa Clara County jurors for their invaluable service, the Court is providing coffee and pastries in the Jury Assembly Rooms, as well as distributing certificates of appreciation signed by the Presiding Judge Brian C. Walsh and Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

"Jurors truly play an integral role in the pursuit of justice in this country," said the Hon. Brian C. Walsh. "We're all familiar with the groans from neighbors and friends when the jury summons arrives, but as a judge, it never ceases to amaze me the complete transformation in attitudes when jurors are sworn in to fulfill their civic duty. Their attentiveness to the details of the case and the earnestness in their attempt to arrive at a just verdict is a testament to the values and character of the residents of this County."

Celebrated by Superior Courts throughout California, the second full week in May was established in 1998 by the California Legislature to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time in "making the cherished Right of trial by jury a reality."

Annually, millions of Californians statewide participate in jury service:

- Approximately 10 million people are summoned to jury service;
- Over 3.5 million prospective jurors are eligible and available to serve; and
- Approximately 80 percent of prospective jurors complete service in one day.

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