STATE OF MICHIGAN

Michigan Supreme Court

Resolution

Juror Appreciation Month 2019

We, the Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court, hereby designate July 2019 as Juror Appreciation Month; and in doing so, we affirm that:

That, the right to a trial by jury is enshrined in Article III of the U.S. Constitution as well as the Sixth and Seventh Amendments, and is thereby foundational to the American justice system; and

Such a right is as fundamental as the right to vote in maintaining a functional society with the rule of law; and,

Those who answer the call of duty to serve on a jury reaffirm a core value of their American citizenship, and in doing so make our democracy more robust; and,

Jurors are essential to preserving the integrity of the court system and ensuring that justice is administered in a fair and equitable fashion; therefore,

All citizens should be encouraged to willingly respond when summoned for jury duty; and,

We extend our deepest gratitude to all Michigan citizens who sacrifice their time and convenience to fulfill jury service, and pledge to continue our efforts to make jury duty more efficient and less burdensome; and,

In recognition thereof, we have affixed the seal of the Michigan Supreme Court on the 1st day of July, Anno Domini MMXIX, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third year.

Bridget M. McCormack, Chief Justice

Stephen J. Markman, Justice

Brian K. Zahra, Justice

David F. Viviano, Justice

Richard H. Bernstein, Justice

Elizabeth T. Clement, Justice

Megan K. Cavanagh, Justice