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JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK

The week of October 14-17, 2008 has been declared “Juror Appreciation Week” by the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. “During this week we recognize and honor all of the citizens of Lake County who have been summoned to be here this week ready and willing to serve on juries as well as those who have performed their civic duty in the past,” said Chief Judge James Booras. “On behalf of the judges of the 19th Judicial Circuit, I want to express our thanks and appreciation to those who serve. Jurors play a very important role and their participation help keep our jury system strong.”

Plans for Juror Appreciation Week include:

> A Lake County Board Proclamation of Juror Appreciation Week in Lake County during the week of October 14-17, 2008;

> A welcome given by Chief Judge James Booras to jurors summoned for October 14-17, 2008;

> 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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