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Ada County and the District Court Celebrate Juror Appreciation Week May 6th to 10th, 2024

Ada County Loves its Jurors! To show appreciation for the juror heroes who have served on a grand jury or spent countless days in trial to provide justice in the hundreds of cases tried in Ada County, as well as those who did not serve on a trial jury but responded to their summonses, fulfilling their civic duties, and in the process helped make our system of justice the best in the world, Ada County Courts are sponsoring Juror Appreciation Week from May 6 to 10, 2024.

Jury trials are a core value of American citizenship. Indeed, the obligation and privilege to serve as jurors are as fundamental to our democracy as our right to vote.

"Jury duty is so integral to protecting important fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution, that it is, apart from the infrequent use of military conscription, the only instance where a citizen's participation in our democracy is compelled. Because jury service is so important, and because it is compelled; it must be recognized and appreciated for the tremendous contribution that it is to our constitutional order. It is because of this that we so gratefully thank those citizens who have served," said the Honorable Steven Hippler, Administrative District Judge for the Fourth Judicial District.

Ada County citizens have long understood the importance of this duty and fulfilled their obligation despite many challenges. In 2021 Ada County held 160 jury trials, during 2022, 362 cases were tried, in 2023, 399 different cases, and to date in 2024 we have held 145 jury trial.

To celebrate jurors' commitment, the Idaho Courts and the Board of Ada County Commissioners will be issuing proclamations highlighting Juror Appreciation Week, our assembly rooms will be decorated, and the environment will be festive.

If you have been a juror in the past, we thank you! If you have not had this opportunity yet, we look forward to meeting you in the future!