



**BEFORE THE 2024 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC24-015**

**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF JURY SERVICE
AND DECLARING JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of the American judicial system; service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system; and the privilege and duty of serving as a juror is as fundamental to democracy as the right to vote; and
- WHEREAS,** participation in jury service is a testament to the civic virtue and responsibility of Guam's people, and all citizens should be encouraged to see the value in service and respond when summoned; and
- WHEREAS,** the Judiciary of Guam sets aside time during the calendar year as Juror Appreciation Week to publicly recognize the contribution of those who are summoned and serve as jurors, to improve communication with jurors and employers, to disseminate a positive message about jury service, and to reinforce public confidence in the justice system; and
- WHEREAS,** the Judiciary of Guam acknowledges and deeply appreciates the dedication and exceptional service displayed by jurors who respond to the call of public duty; and their commitment to upholding the justice system reflects their profound sense of civic responsibility; and
- WHEREAS,** the Judicial Council of Guam supports the goal of educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service, applauds the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty, and believes that all jurors should be treated with respect and in a way so that their service is not unduly burdensome.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Judicial Council, does hereby proclaim the week of September 9 through 13, 2024 as Juror Appreciation Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judicial Council of Guam honors the service and commitment of citizens who are summoned and serve as jurors in Guam and that the Judiciary of Guam extends sincere thanks and appreciation to all island employers who pay employees their normal wages while they serve as jurors, thus preventing financial hardship and fostering community strength.

DULY ADOPTED this 15th day of August 2024 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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