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NAPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK

NAPA, CA – The Superior Court of Napa County kicked off Juror Appreciation Week today to recognize the service and participation of jurors from our local community.

Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in "making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality."

Each year, superior courts across the state team up with the Judicial Council of California to recognize the millions of Californians who answer the call to serve their communities and put into practice the fundamental American ideal of trial by jury. For 2023, jurors called for jury duty today were treated to coffee and doughnuts as they went through juror orientation.

Recently, the Court has implemented several jury service improvements, including the rollout of an interactive self-service system that allows summoned jurors to utilize voice and text options to confirm or postpone their jury service. The Court has also reduced the overall and complexity and size of juror summons to postcard size, providing significant cost savings with a more environmental-friendly approach. The new self-service portal can be accessed <u>here</u>.

For more information on jury service, visit the Napa County Superior Court's <u>Jury Service page</u> or the <u>Jury Service section</u> of the California Courts website.

Questions may be directed to the Napa Superior Court Executive Office at 707-299-1110.