



Supreme Court of Minnesota

PROCLAMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core protections of individual freedom in American society; and

WHEREAS, trial by jury is guaranteed in the Sixth and Seventh Amendments of the United States Constitution, applicable to the States through the Fourteenth Amendment, and in Article I, Section 4 of the Minnesota Constitution, which provides that "the right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate;" and

WHEREAS, jury service is a privilege and responsibility of citizenship, providing the opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to have direct contact with our democracy and to actively participate in the justice system; and

WHEREAS, Minnesotans respond to jury summons at a consistently high rate and should be proud of their willingness to serve; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the judiciary to acknowledge the dedication of citizens who report for jury service and to recognize employers who support employee leave for jury service; and

THEREFORE, I, Lorie S. Gildea, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, do hereby proclaim the week of April 28 – May 2, 2014 be designated as Jury Appreciation Week. The Judicial Branch will use this occasion to express appreciation for those Minnesotans who answer the call to jury service.

Dated: March 28, 2014

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lorie S. Gildea".

Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice