

# THE STATE OF WISCONSIN



*KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:*

*WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is a core value of American citizenship; and*

*WHEREAS, jury service is as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and*

*WHEREAS, our courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors; and*

*WHEREAS, jury service is indispensable to the justice system; and*

*WHEREAS, all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned; and*

*WHEREAS, the courts, the bar, and the broader community must help ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome; and*

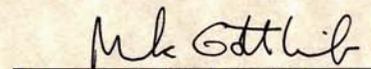
*WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Assembly wants to show appreciation for the jury system and for the thousands of citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve as jurors; and*

*WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Assembly, together with the Wisconsin Court System, is committed to the following goals:*

- *educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service;*
- *applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty;*
- *supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors;*
- *ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among citizens and that a broad cross section of the community is summoned for jury service;*
- *ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome;*
- *providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and*
- *continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.*

*THEREFORE, on behalf of the Wisconsin State Assembly, the undersigned support the celebration of September as "Juror Appreciation Month" in Wisconsin and encourage participation in this month's activities in pursuit of the above goals.*

  
Representative Mike Huebsch  
Speaker of the Assembly

  
Representative Mark Gottlieb  
Speaker Pro Tempore

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