



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

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 state of Wisconsin wants to show appreciation for the jury system and for the thousands of citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries.

WHEREAS, my Administration, 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 fair cross section of the community is called 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.

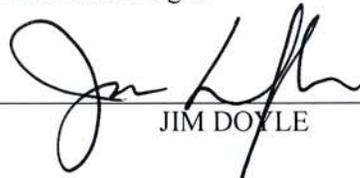
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of **September, 2008** as

JUROR APPRECIATION MONTH

in Wisconsin, and I support the celebration of this month, which shall include various activities in pursuit of the above goals.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighth day of August in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE