

# State of Wisconsin



## CITATION BY THE SENATE

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*

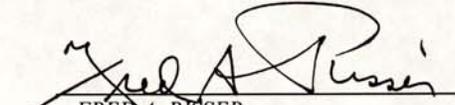
*WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Senate wants to show appreciation for the jury system and for the thousands of citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries; and*

*WHEREAS, that the Wisconsin Senate, 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, 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.*

September 3, 2008  
Date

  
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President of the Senate

  
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Chief Clerk of the Senate