

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MAY 12-16, 2025, AS JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK  
IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship, and the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

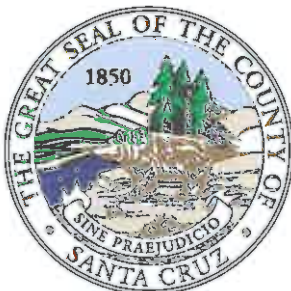
WHEREAS, our court depends upon citizens to serve as jurors, and all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service; and

WHEREAS, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show appreciation for the jury system and for the citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries.

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is committed to educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service; applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly by 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 in their decision making; and continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim May 12-16, 2025, as Juror Appreciation Week in Santa Cruz County and invite the community to join in recognizing the vital contribution of past, present, and future jurors to our justice system.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 1, 2025  
Date