

## JUROR APPRECIATION MONTH

TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF JURY SERVICE IN PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JULY 2023 AS "JUROR APPRECIATION MONTH" IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, BY CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION, HAS SET ASIDE THE MONTH OF JULY AS A SPECIAL TIME FOR THE RECOGNITION OF JURY SERVICE IN AMERICAN LIFE;

WHEREAS, TRIAL BY JURY IS PART OF EVERY AMERICAN'S LEGAL BIRTHRIGHT, AS RECOGNIZED BY THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 24 AND 25 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION;

WHEREAS, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA STRIVES TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF JURY SERVICE AND TO APPRECIATE PROSPECTIVE JURORS AS WELL AS THE MANY CITIZENS WHO HAVE SERVED AS JURORS DURING THE PAST YEAR;

WHEREAS, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA TO APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF THE JURORS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND FULFILL THIS IMPORTANT CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY;

WHEREAS, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ENCOURAGES ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS TO SUPPORT THE COURT SYSTEM AND, WHEN CALLED UPON, TO FULFILL THE IMPORTANT CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY SHARED BY EVERY ELIGIBLE MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY TO HELP DELIVER JUSTICE WITHOUT FAVOR, DENIAL, OR DELAY; AND

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA,

THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE CITED AS THE "JUROR APPRECIATION MONTH PROCLAMATION RESOLUTION OF 2023."

**NOW, THEREFORE,** THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JULY 2023 AS "JUROR APPRECIATION MONTH."

PAUL NEWBY, CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA