

To recognize the importance of jury service to the community and to declare the month of July 2017 as "Juror Appreciation Month" in the Judicial Branch of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, TRIAL BY JURY IS PART OF EVERY AMERICAN'S LEGAL BIRTHRIGHT, AS INDICATED BY THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ARTICLE 1, SECTION 24 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONSTITUTION;

WHEREAS, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IS WORKING TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT JURY SERVICE AND TO PRAISE THE MANY CITIZENS WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY SERVED ON JURIES DURING THE PAST YEAR;

WHEREAS, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT TO APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF JURORS WHO SUPPORT 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 FULFILL A MOST IMPORTANT CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY SHARED BY EVERY MEMBER OF A DEMOCRACY; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR MARKS THE 240TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA; THEREFORE, 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;

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA, THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE CITED AS THE "JUROR APPRECIATION MONTH DECLARATION RESOLUTION OF 2017."

NOW, THEREFORE, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JULY 2017 AS "JUROR APPRECIATION MONTH."

MARK MARTIN, CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT of NORTH CAROLINA