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***Riverside County Superior Court Celebrates Juror Appreciation Week
and Law Week (May 8-12)***

Riverside County – The Riverside County Superior Court will be joining courts throughout the State of California to celebrate Juror Appreciation Week and Law Week, May 8 through May 12. The court will thank its jurors and promote public awareness of the crucial role that jury duty plays in our justice system as well as recognize our nation's great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law.

Throughout the week, Riverside County jurors will receive a little extra special attention. The court will hang banners and hand out pens and bookmarks. Jurors will be served donuts, cookies, and other treats. Jury staff, parking attendants, security guards, and RTA bus drivers will wear juror appreciation ribbons. Judges will personally welcome all jurors during the week, and each sworn juror will receive a certificate of appreciation.

To celebrate Law Week, the court and the Riverside County Bar Association will host a Good Citizenship Awards ceremony at the Riverside Historic Court House on Friday, May 12. High school juniors from schools throughout the county will be

recognized for their overall good citizenship and will receive certificates of award and cash prizes from the RCBA, as well as certificates of appreciation and a special Law Day memento from the court. Riverside County Bar Association executive director Charlotte Butt stated, “The RCBA has found the Good Citizenship Awards to be an excellent way to celebrate Law Day. Too often, our nation’s outstanding youth fail to receive the recognition they deserve. This is an opportunity to give some positive recognition to the county’s exemplary student citizens.”

This year’s Law Week theme, “Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers,” reminds us that while our government branches represent separate powers, together form a dynamic system that works for the common good. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors has proclaimed May 8 - 12 as Law Week in Riverside County to give citizens an opportunity to reflect on our national legal heritage. Sharon Waters, Presiding Judge of the Riverside Superior Court, commented, “There are two cornerstones to our system of government, two democratic principals, one being the separation of powers and the other the right to a jury trial. American juries play a vital role in ensuring those freedoms and ensuring the independence of the judicial branch.” She added, “If not for the contributions of our dedicated jurors, we would be unable to fulfill our constitutional duty to provide the right to trial by a jury of one’s peers.”

Jury service is a vital component of the trial process and an essential element of our democratic system of government. The court is pleased to honor its jurors during Juror Appreciation Week and Law Week and acknowledge their contribution to the American tradition of justice.

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