RESOLUTION **ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Safety & Justice Committee INITIATED BY

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JURY APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the right to have a trial by fair and representative jury is an essential safeguard protected by both the United States and Wisconsin Constitutions; and, 2

WHEREAS, service as a juror in the Rock County Circuit Court is, along with voting, one of the most 4 important responsibilities of citizenship; and, 5 6

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Court System, partnering with the State Bar of Wisconsin, has 7 established September as Juror Appreciation Month, a time to publicly recognize the contribution of those 8 who are summoned and serve. 9

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled 11 this 13" day of September, 2012 does hereby support the goals of Juror Appreciation Month: 12

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- Educate the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service; and,
- Applaud the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; and,
- Ensure that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors extends its sincere thanks 18 and appreciation to all employers who pay employees their normal wages while allowing them to serve as 19 jurors, preventing financial hardship and fostering community strength.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors honors the service and 23 commitment of citizens who perform jury duty, who by participating in the judicial process aid those elected to serve the citizens of Rock County by preserving the rule of law, the basis for a free society.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Ivan Collins, Chair

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