

## **2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46**

September 21, 2009 – Introduced by Senators Taylor, Holperin and Lassa, cosponsored by Representatives Parisi, Hebl, Turner, Seidel, Shilling, Zigmunt, Dexter, Roys, Richards, Hixson, Mason, Townsend, Cullen and Pope-Roberts. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming Juror Appreciation Month.
2	Whereas, the Wisconsin Supreme Court has declared the month of September
3	2009 to be "Juror Appreciation Month" to celebrate the service of jurors in the state
4	and draw attention to the critical need of jurors for the administration of justice; and
5	Whereas, the foundations for our justice system call for a "jury of one's peers"
6	to determine guilt or innocence, negligence, or loss of rights; from the Magna Carta
7	of 1215, article 39 reads, "No freeman shall be taken, or imprisoned, or disseized, or
8	outlawed, or exiled, or in any way harmed — nor will we go upon or send upon him
9	— save by lawful judgement of his peers or by the law of the land"; and
10	Whereas, jurors of all ages, races, orientations, and occupations have
11	contributed to the establishment and service of justice by their participation in juries
12	as called by the courts of this state; and
13	Whereas, in the past year in Wisconsin, an estimated 44,394 people reported
14	to a Wisconsin courthouse for jury duty, and more than 22,623 of them served as
15	jurors in one of more than 2,401 trials; and

1 Whereas, without jurors the justice system could not uphold the law, provide 2 judgment, require restitution, nor provide for restoration; now, therefore, be it 3 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature of 4 the state of Wisconsin joins with the members of the judicial branch to commend the 5 citizenship and duty of jurors — past, present, and future — that serve their fellow

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6 citizens in this state's justice system; and

*Be it further resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this
joint resolution to the Wisconsin Supreme Court for the possible distribution and
posting to jurors as recognition of their service.

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