



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

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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

