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## Dear Friends,

In September, we at Milwaukee County celebrated Jury Duty Recognition. We recognized We-Energies and Outpost Foods along with Jerry Hamilton, Valerie Daniels-Carter, and Taft Malone for their assertiveness in supporting the important role jury duty plays in our justice system.

The higher the awareness of the role of jurors and jury duty, the more diverse and effective our judicial system will be. In some form or fashion, in the future, please be mindful of the importance of a juror and celebrate with Milwaukee County in recognizing and showing appreciation for those who serve.

Are you aware that Chairman Lee Holloway, Chief Judge Kitty Brennan and Clerk of Courts John Barrett have aggressively worked to improve more people of color serving jury duty? Many ask why is this so important and the true importance is that all jury pools must have diversity. Wisconsin is one of the higher states with the rate of incarceration of African-Americans and Hispanics. We go to prison at a higher rate than our white counterparts; hence the jury pool must be diverse. In the past year, the selection process in Milwaukee County has made some inroads by increasing participation in jury duty.

Several judges have commented that the minorities in their jury pools are well above 30%, which is a big improvement. Supreme Court Chief Justice Abrahamson was also on hand to honor the jurors.



Sup Peggy West, Thelma Sias, Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs, Larry Stephens, Judge Maxine White, Valerie Carter-Daniels, Jerry Hamilton, and Kathy Harmon celebrate Juror Appreciation Month.