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### Juror Appreciation Week May 16 – May 20, 2016

In conjunction with Law Day 2016, our Court will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week. Juror Appreciation Week is part of the Law Day celebration that was established in 1958 by President Dwight Eisenhower to commemorate our nation's great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law. Held annually in early May, Juror Appreciation Week is designed to recognize citizens who have served on juries and to send a positive message to the public about the importance of jury service.

In 2016, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of perhaps the nation's best-known U.S. Supreme Court case, *Miranda v. Arizona*. The 2016 Law Day theme — **Miranda: More than Words** — will explore the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the United States Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.

The Southern District of Florida is sponsoring Juror Appreciation Week [May 16 -May 20, 2016] to recognize residents who have completed jury duty and to highlight the honor and importance of serving on a jury.

The goal of Juror Appreciation Week is to thank our jurors for their service. Jury trials provide an opportunity for citizens to participate in the process of governing. Serving on a jury is the most direct and impactful way for citizens to connect to the constitution.

Jurors who are participating in petit and grand juries during this week in May will be provided special refreshments and will have various Judges and the Clerk of Court participating in juror orientations. Special certificates will be issued commemorating their service. The Court's website, [www.flsd.uscourts.gov](http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov), will be updated to reflect our juror appreciation and to provide information about the history of jury service.

Please contact Steven M. Larimore, Court Administrator • Clerk of Court, if you have any questions.

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