



Proclamation

GRAND JURY APPRECIATION MONTH

NOVEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, every year in each of California's fifty-eight counties, ordinary citizens take an oath to voluntarily serve a term of one year as Grand Jurors; and

WHEREAS, Grand Juries have been in existence since the adoption of California's original Constitution in 1849-1850; and

WHEREAS, Grand Juries conduct their investigations under the umbrella of the Superior Court of California and have broad access to public officials, employees, records, and information. One of the most important functions of a Grand Jury is to review the operations of the officers, departments, and agencies of local government; and

WHEREAS, Grand Juries serve as a watchdog authority and are well suited to the effective investigation of local governments because they are independent bodies, operationally separate from the entities and officials they investigate; and

WHEREAS, Grand Jurors share a dedication to democratic ideals and a willingness to devote their time and energies to matters of civic importance; and

WHEREAS, one of the Grand Jury's greatest strengths is the diversity of its members who hold different interests, talents, backgrounds, and life experiences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westminster recognizes the efforts of those jurors, both past and present, who have volunteered their time and service to the Orange County Grand Jury.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho do hereby proclaim November 2023, as **GRAND JURY APPRECIATION MONTH** in the City of Westminster and encourage all citizens to recognize and honor the contributions and dedication of the Grand Jurors by sharing information and applying service to the Grand Jury.

Signed and Dated this 8th day of November 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3