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14 extending and preserving democracy; and

15 WHEREAS, Every year more than 225,000 Pennsylvanians report
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1 WHEREAS, Only when citizens support the jury system and
2 appear when summoned can this pillar of our democracy fully
3 protect the rights of all citizens; therefore be it
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