



IN THE
Court of Appeals of Indiana

Court of Appeals Case No.

26A-MS-559

Civic Learning Week Proclamation

- [1] Whereas, our nation’s enduring and audacious experiment in self-governance depends upon a populace that understands the Constitution, the role of courts, and the rule of law, and that possesses the skills to engage in civil dialogue and work across differences;
- [2] Whereas, civic education remains essential to sustaining and strengthening constitutional representative democracy in the United States;
- [3] Whereas, the Court of Appeals of Indiana believes that representative democracy is not self-executing and that each generation must learn anew both its rights and its responsibilities as participants in our system of ordered liberty;
- [4] Whereas, educators perform indispensable work every day to cultivate informed, thoughtful, and engaged citizens, often without adequate recognition for the profound public service they provide;
- [5] Whereas, the Court is proud to advance civic understanding through its long-standing Appeals on Wheels traveling oral argument program,

which brings real appellate proceedings into schools and communities across Indiana, giving students and residents the opportunity to see judges, attorneys, and litigants in action and to better understand how the judiciary safeguards the rule of law;

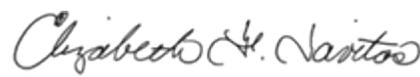
[6] Whereas, this innovative effort to connect Hoosiers directly with their judiciary was recently honored with national recognition from the National Center for State Courts with the 2023 Sandra Day O'Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Education, which recognizes the vital importance of bringing courts to the people and inspiring future generations of informed citizens;

[7] Whereas, the upcoming 2026 national Civic Learning Week calls upon courts, educators, lawyers, and community leaders to recommit themselves to ensuring that every student has access to high-quality civic learning opportunities;

[8] Whereas, as the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we are reminded that the promise of our founding ideals endures only when we actively invest in civic knowledge, participation, and respect for the rule of law;

[9] Now, therefore, the Court of Appeals of Indiana supports the designation of March 9–13 as Civic Learning Week in Indiana and across the United States and expresses its deep appreciation to the educators, students, volunteers, and community partners who dedicate themselves to strengthening civic life throughout our state.

Ordered: 3/4/2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth A. Santos". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chief Judge