State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, drug courts provide the focus and leadership for communitywide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal and juvenile justice, treatment, education, and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, drug courts combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment, and drug-testing with escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle of drug addiction and concomitant crime and turn defendants into productive, law-abiding members of our society; and

WHEREAS, drug courts not only reclaim lives lost to drug addiction and criminality but they also reunify families and save the State of Florida substantial taxpayer dollars by reducing the number of incarcerated defendants; and

WHEREAS, the judges, case managers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and others dedicated to the drug-court movement have had a profound impact through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the first drug court was established in Miami, Florida, in 1989, and has served as a model for the 94 drug courts currently in operation in Florida, and close to 3,000 drug courts in operation or being planned throughout the nation and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize May 2016 as

National Drug Court Month

which recognizes practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime in Florida and throughout the nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this the 1st day of May 2016.

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GOVERNOR

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE