

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS there are now nearly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

WHEREAS treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

WHEREAS treatment courts have served more than 1.5 million individuals; and

WHEREAS they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS they save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

WHEREAS treatment courts improve education, employment, housing, and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

WHEREAS treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health; and

WHEREAS treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ declares that Drug Court Month be established during the month of May.

