

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY



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DRAFTED BY

May 1, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

PROCLAIMING MAY 2014 DRUG COURT MONTH

- 1 WHEREAS, this year marks the 25th Anniversary of the nation's first Drug Court; and,
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- 3 WHEREAS, Over the past twenty-five years Drug Courts have served over 1.4 million individuals; and,
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- 5 WHEREAS, Drug Courts are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our
- 6 nation's history; and,
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- 8 WHEREAS, Drug Courts save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and produce up to \$13,000 for every
- 9 individual they serve; and,
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- 11 WHEREAS, 75% of Drug Court graduates will never see another pair of handcuffs; and,
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- 13 WHEREAS, Drug Courts significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially
- 14 reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and,
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- 16 WHEREAS, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and
- 17 public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and,
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- 19 WHEREAS, there are now 2,840 Drug Courts nationwide; and,
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- 21 WHEREAS, Drug Courts are the cornerstone of criminal justice reform sweeping the nation; and
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- 23 WHEREAS, the extraordinary expansion of Drug Courts and the principles and practices 25 years ago
- 24 has helped cause 40 years of escalating prison populations to decline; and,
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- 26 WHEREAS, Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE;
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- 29 WHEREAS, The time has come to put a Drug Court within reach of every eligible person in need; and,
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- 31 WHEREAS, Rock County started its Drug Court in April 2007 and has had 214 successful graduates as
- 32 of May 1, 2014; and,
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- 34 WHEREAS, Rock County started its Veterans Court in September 2009 and has had 21 successful
- 35 graduates as of May 1, 2014.
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- 37 WHEREAS, Rock County started its OWI Court in October 2012 and has 23 participants as of May 1,
- 38 2014, and anticipates the first graduation in June 2014.
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- 40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 41 this 22 day of May, 2014 does hereby declare that a "Drug Court Month" be established
- 42 during the month of May, 2014, recognizing the significant contributions that Drug Courts have made
- 43 over the past 25 years toward reducing substance abuse, crime, and recidivism while saving valuable
- 44 resources.

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Respectfully submitted,

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