

RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY



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of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP)  
DRAFTED BY

April 18, 2016  
DATE DRAFTED

PROCLAIMING MAY 2016 DRUG COURT MONTH

1 **WHEREAS**, drug courts and other treatment courts have served over 1.4 million individuals; and,  
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3 **WHEREAS**, they are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's  
4 history; and,  
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6 **WHEREAS**, they save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and produce up to \$13,000 for every individual  
7 they serve; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS**, 75% of treatment court graduates will never see another pair of handcuffs; and,  
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11 **WHEREAS**, treatment courts significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially  
12 reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and,  
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14 **WHEREAS**, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety  
15 and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS**, there are now 2,966 drug courts and other treatment courts nationwide; and,  
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19 **WHEREAS**, drug courts and other treatment courts are the cornerstone of criminal justice reform  
20 sweeping the nation; and  
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22 **WHEREAS**, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we  
23 all rise; and,  
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25 **WHEREAS**, the time has come to put a Drug Court within reach of every eligible person in need; and,  
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27 **WHEREAS**, Rock County started its Drug Court in April 2007, and has had 518 total participants and  
28 250 successful graduates as of April 15, 2016; and,  
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30 **WHEREAS**, Rock County started its Veterans Court in September 2009, and has had 59 total  
31 participants and 33 successful graduates as of April 15, 2016.  
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33 **WHEREAS**, Rock County started its OWI Court in October 2012, and has had 53 total participants and  
34 21 successful graduates as of April 15, 2016.  
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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
37 this 21<sup>st</sup> day of MAY, 2016, does hereby declare that a "Drug Court Month" be established  
38 during the month of May 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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