

**PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS  
DRUG COURT MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 30th anniversary of treatment courts; and

**WHEREAS**, there are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

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

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, they are now recognized as a significant and successful justice system intervention; 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 professionals; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that the month of May be recognized as **DRUG COURT MONTH** in Indian River County, and the Board calls this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2019.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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