

# State Of Florida

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, in 1989, Florida was the leader for the national drug court movement by creating the first drug court in the United States in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has served as a model for the 182 problem-solving courts currently in operation throughout the state, and over 4,000 problem-solving courts in operation throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, drug courts and other problem-solving courts provide the focus and leadership to bring together criminal and civil justice, treatment, education, and other community partners in the fight against substance use and mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, drug courts and other problem-solving courts combine intensive judicial supervision, evidence-based treatment, and individualized interventions in order to break the cycle of addiction and concomitant crime and turn defendants into productive, law-abiding members of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, drug courts and other problem-solving courts not only reclaim lives lost to substance use and mental illness, but they also reunify families and save the State of Florida substantial taxpayer dollars; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize May 2022 as

## **National Drug Court Month**

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

**WHEREFORE**, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2022.



  
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