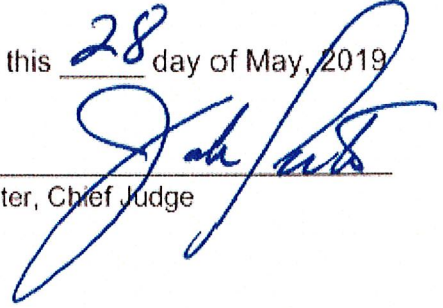




- Whereas* this year marks the 30th anniversary of treatment courts; and
- Whereas* there are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide; and
- Whereas* treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and
- Whereas* treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals; and
- Whereas* they are now recognized as 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 court 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.
- Therefore, Be It Resolved* that the 17th Circuit of Florida declares that Drug Court Month be established during the month of May.

Signed this 28 day of May, 2019



Jack Tuter, Chief Judge