

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

May 17, 2012
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PROCLAIMING MAY 2012 DRUG COURT MONTH

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts are a proven budget solution that benefit all facets of society; and,
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- 3 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts are an essential component of our justice system which save vast criminal
- 4 justice resources and keep individuals out of jail and engaged with their communities as productive tax-
- 5 paying citizens; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts are the most effective tool in the criminal justice system for saving money,
- 8 cutting crime and serving veterans; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, Results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four meta-analytic studies have
- 11 yielded definitive evidence that Drug Courts significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes,
- 12 substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and,
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- 14 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and
- 15 public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and,
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, the Drug Court movement has grown from 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to over 2,600
- 18 operational Drug Courts; and,
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE;
- 21 and,
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- 23 **WHEREAS**, The time has come to put a Drug Court within reach of every eligible person in need; and,
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- 25 **WHEREAS**, Rock County started its Drug Court in April 2007 and has had 167 successful graduations
- 26 as of May 17, 2012; and,
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- 28 **WHEREAS**, Rock County started its Veterans Court in September 2009 and has had five successful
- 29 graduations as of May 17, 2012.
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- 31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 32 this 24th day of May, 2012 does hereby declare that a "Drug Court Month" be established
- 33 during the month of May, 2012, recognizing the significant contributions that Drug Courts have made
- 34 toward reducing substance abuse, crime and recidivism while saving valuable resources.

Respectfully submitted,

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