

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY



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PROCLAIMING MAY 2011 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 return individuals to their communities as productive, tax-paying citizens; and,
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- 6 WHEREAS, Drug Courts are the most effective tool in the criminal justice system for saving money,
- 7 cutting crime and serving veterans; and,
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- 9 WHEREAS, Results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four meta-analytic studies have
- 10 yielded definitive evidence that Drug Courts significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes,
- 11 substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and,
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- 13 WHEREAS, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and
- 14 public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and,
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- 16 WHEREAS, the Drug Court movement has grown from 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to over 2,500
- 17 operational Drug Courts; and,
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- 19 WHEREAS, Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE;
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- 22 WHEREAS, The time has come to put a Drug Court within reach of every eligible person in need; and,
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- 24 WHEREAS, Rock County started its Drug Court in April 2007 and has had 124 successful graduations
- 25 as of April 21, 2011; and,
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- 27 WHEREAS, May 16-20, 2011, marks *National Drug Court Commencement Week*, which celebrates the
- 28 promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and their families.
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- 30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 31 this 12th day of May, 2011 does hereby declare that a "Drug Court Month" be established
- 32 during the month of May, 2011, recognizing the significant contributions that Drug Courts have made
- 33 toward reducing substance abuse, crime and recidivism while saving valuable resources.

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Respectfully submitted,

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