## RESOLUTION **ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council** INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee SUBMITTED BY

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## PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 2012 IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS, impaired driving kills thousands of individuals every year; and, 1 2
- WHEREAS, research has shown that repeat drunk drivers pose the greatest risk of death on our roads; 3 4 and,
- 6 WHEREAS, OWI Courts target the repeat drunk driver; and,
- WHEREAS, OWI Courts are an effective tool in the criminal justice system for saving money and 8
- reducing impaired driving by the repeat drunk driver by addressing the underlying addiction; and, 9
- WHEREAS, OWI Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and 11 12 public health professionals in the fight against alcohol and drug abuse and impaired driving; and,
- 14 WHEREAS, results of several studies have yielded important evidence that OWI Courts significantly 15 improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reducing alcohol abuse and repeat drunk
- driving and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and, 16
- WHEREAS, OWI Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of alcohol, drugs, and crime, we 18 19 ALL RISE; and,
- WHEREAS, the time has come to put an OWI Court within reach of every eligible person in need; and, 21
- 23 WHEREAS, Rock County started its OWI Court in October 2012 for third offense OWI offenders; and, 24
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly 25
- assembled this 13 day of December 2012 declares that Impaired Driving Prevention Month be established during the month of December 2012; and, 27
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors recognizes the significant
- 30 contributions OWI Courts have made toward reducing substance abuse and impaired driving, while
- 31 saving valuable resources.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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