



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2011 AS DRUG COURT MONTH

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are a proven budget solution that benefit all facets of society and the Santa Barbara County Drug Court Programs have saved the County over \$7 million by avoiding approximately 74,000 jail days. The savings are a result of treatment for substance abuse in lieu of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are an essential component of our justice system, and more than 2,000 individuals have successfully graduated from Drug Court programs in Santa Barbara County; Drug Courts significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception 15 years ago, the Santa Barbara County Drug Court Programs have maintained a strong alliance between the county departments and the community-based organizations resulting in a team-based approach to serving the addicted and mentally ill populations of our county; and to best serve these populations Santa Barbara County has fully implemented and maintained Juvenile Drug Courts, Adult Treatment Drug Courts, Family Treatment Court, and Mental Health Treatment Court; and

WHEREAS, The Drug Court movement has grown from the 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to currently over 2,500 operational Drug Courts nationwide; and

WHEREAS, May 16-20, 2011, marks National Drug Court Commencement Week, which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and their families, and May 18 celebrates 15 years of Drug Court in Santa Maria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2011 as Drug Court Month in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10th day of May 2011, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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