



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

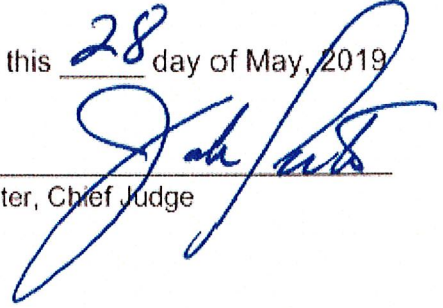
Whereas treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

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