



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DRUG COURT MONTH

- WHEREAS: In 1990, the first drug court in the United States was established. Over the past 26 years, drug courts have served over 1.4 million individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Drug courts substantially reduce substance abuse and crime as well as significantly improve treatment outcomes. Additionally, drug courts perform this level of productivity at a less expense than any other justice strategy; and
- WHEREAS: Drug courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, which bring together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against substance abuse and criminality; and
- WHEREAS: Drug courts are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's history. These courts are the cornerstone of criminal justice reform occurring throughout our state and country; and
- WHEREAS: I urge all Georgians to join with court systems and governmental agencies in events designed to recognize and raise awareness of the significant contributions drug courts have made toward reducing substance abuse, crime, and recidivism; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as DRUG COURT MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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