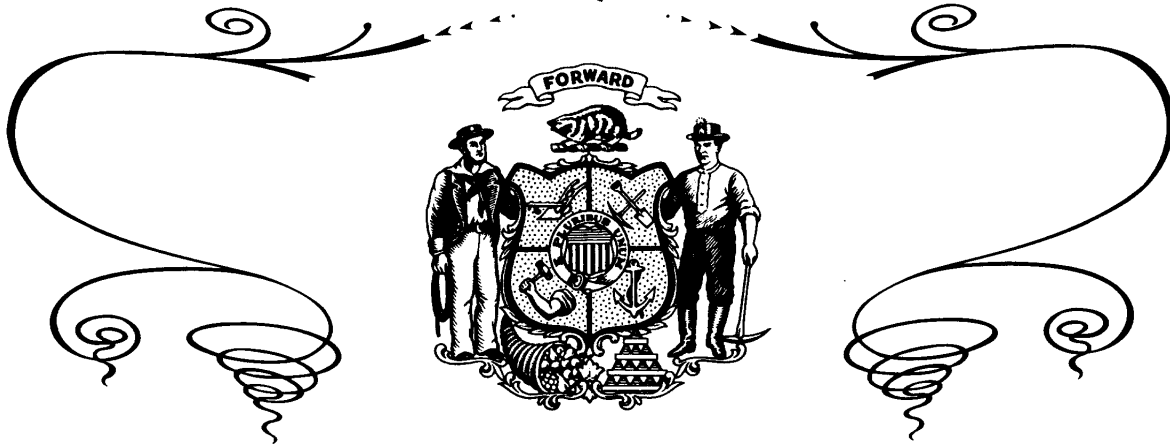


# State of Wisconsin



2013 Senate Joint Resolution 31

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** declaring May 2013 Drug Court Month.

Whereas, drug courts have become an essential part of our criminal justice system and have reduced costs and rehabilitated individuals to become active members and taxpayers in their communities; and

Whereas, drug courts allow for the collaboration of public safety and public health professionals to reduce crime, fight drug abuse, and restore families; and

Whereas, drug courts have improved public safety, reduced recidivism, and addressed underlying issues that may contribute to criminal behavior; and

Whereas, drug courts have proven an effective tool in saving the taxpayers money due to reduced victimization, reduced health service utilization, and reduced revolving door arrests; and

Whereas, drug courts help ensure compliance with treatment programs because of regular, closer, and more comprehensive supervision during the treatment process, and offenders are six times more likely to stay in treatment long enough to get better; and

Whereas, the number of drug courts has grown to 2,700 nationwide, including 57 courts in the state of Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature proclaim May 2013 as Drug Court Month in the state of Wisconsin and commend this observance to all citizens; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the members of the legislature call upon our citizens to join in celebrating the collaborative efforts of our criminal justice system to provide a more effective process for addressing drug abuse and criminal behavior that saves the taxpayers money and increases public safety for individuals and the state of Wisconsin.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Michael G. Ellis  
President of the Senate

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Date

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