

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 46

1	Relating to: declaring May 2009 as Drug Court Month.
2	Whereas, 2009 marks the twentieth anniversary of the Miami-Dade Drug
3	Court, the first drug court in the nation, which sparked a national revolution
4	that changed the face of the American justice system; and
5	Whereas, for the past 20 years drug courts have been restoring lives, reuniting
6	families, and making communities across this nation safer; and
7	Whereas, drug courts provide focus and leadership for community-wide
8	partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the
9	fight against drug abuse and criminality; and
10	Whereas, 60 to 80 percent of drug offenders sentenced to prison and over 40
11	percent sentenced to probation recidivate, whereas less than 17 percent of drug court
12	graduates recidivate; and
13	Whereas, results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four
14	metaanalytic studies have yielded definitive evidence that drug courts are
15	demonstratively effective and significantly improve substance-abuse treatment

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1	outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than
2	any other justice strategy; and
3	Whereas, over 25,000 judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance abuse
4	and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and community supervision
5	personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and others
6	dedicated to drug courts and similar types of treatment programs are healing
7	families and communities across the country; and
8	Whereas, the drug court movement has grown from the 12 original drug courts
9	in 1994 to 2,301 operational drug courts and 3,410 problem-solving courts as of
10	December 2008; and
11	Whereas, counties across Wisconsin are starting drug and treatment courts;
12	and
13	Whereas, Friday, May 15, 2009, marks National Drug Court Commencement
14	Day, which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to drug court
15	graduates and their families; now, therefore, be it
16	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
17	legislature declares May 2009, as "Drug Court Month," recognizing the practitioners
18	and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that
19	drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug use and crime in
20	Wisconsin and across our nation.
21	(END)

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