



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

May 8, 2013 - Introduced by Senator S. FITZGERALD, cosponsored by Representatives KLEEFISCH, BORN and JAGLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

