

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 28

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Williamson of the Senate

and

Askins of the House

A Concurrent Resolution declaring June 1999 as "Drug Court Month" in the State of Oklahoma; recognizing professionals who make drug courts work and the significant contributions drug courts make in reducing drug abuse and crime; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, drug courts bring together criminal justice, treatment, education and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and crime; and

WHEREAS, community-based drug courts that combine intensive judicial supervision, treatment, mandatory drug testing, escalating sanctions and incentives are effectively breaking the cycle of drug addiction and drug related crimes; and

WHEREAS, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment professionals, law enforcement officers, corrections personnel, educators and local leaders dedicated to the success of drug courts have made a profound positive impact on our communities; and

WHEREAS, treatment-based drug courts provide an opportunity for nonviolent substance abuse offenders to become productive tax-paying citizens; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma was the first state in the nation to implement a state drug court initiative by a state agency, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; and

WHEREAS, the drug court movement continues to grow in Oklahoma with twelve operational drug courts, fourteen courts in various stages of planning, and additional substance abuse programs in operation and authorized under the Oklahoma Drug Court Act; and

WHEREAS, during the month of June there will be drug court awareness events, graduations, and other opportunities to further education about drug courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares June 1999, as "Drug Court Month" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes professionals who enable drug courts to function and the significant contributions drug courts make in reducing drug abuse and crime.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for distribution to the fourteen drug courts being planned and the twelve drug courts now operating in the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1999.

Speaker of the House of Representatives