

ENROLLED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 92

By: Wilkerson of the Senate

and

Askins of the House

A Concurrent Resolution declaring May 2000 "Drug Court Month" in the State of Oklahoma; recognizing professionals who make drug courts successful and the significant contributions of drug courts 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, through the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma was the first state in the nation to implement a state drug court initiative by a state agency; and

WHEREAS, the drug court movement continues to grow in Oklahoma with fourteen operational drug courts, twenty-two courts in various

stages of planning, and additional substance abuse programs in operation and authorized under the Oklahoma Drug Court Act; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been declared as a focus for drug court awareness, providing for events, graduations, and other opportunities to further education about drug courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares May 2000 "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 by drug courts 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 judicial districts where the twenty-two new drug courts are planned and where the fourteen drug courts are now operating in the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of May, 2000.

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President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives