

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 31

By: Wilkerson of the Senate

and

Askins of the House

A Concurrent Resolution declaring May 2001 "Drug Court Month" in the State of Oklahoma; recognizing professionals who make drug courts successful; recognizing significant contributions of drug courts in reducing drug abuse and crime; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, drug courts unite 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 a time of focus on drug court awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares May 2001 "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 of drug courts toward 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 14th day of May, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives