
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 856 Session of
2014

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WATSON, MAY 13, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 13, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2014 as "National Drug Court Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 25th anniversary of the nation's
4 first Drug Court; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the past 25 years Drug Courts have served over
6 1.4 million individuals; and

7 WHEREAS, Drug Courts are now recognized as the most
8 successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's
9 history; and

10 WHEREAS, Drug Courts save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and
11 produce up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve; and

12 WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of Drug Court graduates will
13 never see another pair of handcuffs; and

14 WHEREAS, Drug Courts significantly improve substance abuse
15 treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime,

1 and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and

2 WHEREAS, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships,
3 bringing together public safety and public health professionals
4 in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

5 WHEREAS, There are now 2,840 Drug Courts nationwide; and

6 WHEREAS, Drug Courts are the cornerstone of criminal justice
7 reform sweeping the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The extraordinary expansion of Drug Courts and the
9 principles and practices 25 years ago has helped cause 40 years
10 of escalating prison populations to decline; and

11 WHEREAS, Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises
12 out of drugs and crime, we all rise; and

13 WHEREAS, The time has come to put a Drug Court within reach
14 of every eligible person in need; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 month of May 2014 as "National Drug Court Month" in Pennsylvania
17 and the significant contributions Drug Courts have made over the
18 past 25 years toward reducing substance abuse, crime and
19 recidivism while saving valuable resources.