
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 26, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2018 as "National Drug Court Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The expansion of drug courts has been a key reform
4 in the fight against drug abuse and criminality in many
5 jurisdictions; and

6 WHEREAS, Underlying chronic behaviors are the focus of these
7 specialized courts; and

8 WHEREAS, Judges work with a community team to develop a case
9 plan that includes regular court appearances, treatment sessions
10 and monitoring of an offender's compliance and aftercare; and

11 WHEREAS, Volunteer mentors may provide additional support for
12 court-involved individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, Graduated sanctions, incentives, evidence-based
14 treatment, education and training benefits and related services
15 are applied as needed; and

16 WHEREAS, "National Drug Court Month" highlights the

1 collective impact of adult drug courts, juvenile drug courts,
2 family dependency treatment courts, tribal healing to wellness
3 courts, DWI/DUI courts and Veterans Treatment Courts; and

4 WHEREAS, These courts have effectively reduced drug abuse,
5 crime and recidivism while significantly improving treatment
6 outcomes and saving taxpayer money; and

7 WHEREAS, These courts have facilitated community partnerships
8 to broadly enhance criminal justice, public safety and public
9 health; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the National Institute of Justice, 84%
11 of drug court graduates have not been rearrested or charged with
12 a serious crime in the first year after their graduation; and

13 WHEREAS, The Urban Institute cites a report from the National
14 Association of Drug Court Professionals that shows drug courts
15 provide \$2.21 in benefits, and up to \$3.36 in benefits among
16 expanded programs, for every \$1 invested; and

17 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives applauds the commitment
18 and coordination among drug court defendants, judges, case
19 management professionals and volunteers in the pursuit of
20 comprehensive intervention, treatment completion, family
21 reunification and sustained recovery; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 month of May 2018 as "National Drug Court Month" in
24 Pennsylvania.