

# ~PROCLAMATION~

- Whereas,** Clark County Therapeutic Specialty Courts have been in existence for 16 years and Celebrated 1,079 graduates; and
- Whereas,** From 2009-2014, Felony Drug Court graduates saved Clark County 72,029 jail bed days, amounting to approximately \$7.2 million in taxpayer savings; and
- Whereas,** The specialty courts community now includes Substance Abuse Court, Mental Health Court, Felony Drug Court, Veteran's Court, Family Treatment Court and Juvenile Recovery Court; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts are now recognized as one of the most successful criminal justice interventions in our nation's history; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested; and
- Whereas,** 82 percent of Drug Court alumni in Clark County have never received another felony, compared with the statewide recidivism rate of 65 percent; and
- Whereas,** 2,966 drug courts operate nationwide, helping juveniles and families heal, veterans transition home, and services reach underserved, vulnerable populations; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we all benefit.

**Now therefore,** this Board of County Councilors hereby proclaims the month of May 2015 as

## ~Drug Court Month~

in Clark County, Washington, and in doing so recognizes the significant contributions drug courts make toward reducing substance abuse, crime and recidivism while saving valuable resources.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015



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