

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2024 –

WHEREAS, NATIONAL TREATMENT COURT MONTH is recognized in the month of May, and treatment courts are referred to as problem-solving court in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, problem-solving courts provide the focus and leadership to improve substance use, mental illness, and treatment outcomes and facilitate community-wide partnerships to enhance public safety, quality of life and public health; and

WHEREAS, problem-solving courts address the root causes of the person's justice system involvement by providing a multidisciplinary team approach with intensive judicial supervision and evidence-based treatment to break the cycle of substance dependency, reduce, recidivism, and restore lives; and

WHEREAS, problem-solving courts also provide the opportunity for participants to improve their education, employment, housing and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, problem-solving courts promote improved confidence in and satisfaction with the justice systems process, saves the substantial taxpayer dollars, and are recognized as the most successful justice system intervention for individuals with substance use and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, the judges, court coordinator, attorneys, treatment professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and others who are dedicated to the problem-solving court movement have had profound impact through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the first drug court was established in Miami, Florida, in 1989 and has served as model for 183 problem-solving court currently operational in Florida and more than 4,000 problem-solving courts currently operational through the world; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County's first drug court was established on October 1, 2001, and continues to this day having served approximately 324 participants since its inception. In addition, Hernando County has well established and successful Mental Health Court and Veteran's Treatment Court and serving over 116 in the past calendar year, decreasing criminal recidivism and improving quality of life and recovery outcomes in this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim May 2024 as **NATIONAL TREATMENT COURT MONTH** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby urges all citizens to recognize the practitioners and participants who make Drug Courts work and the significant contributions that Drug Courts have made and continue to make in reducing drug use and crime.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 14th day of May 2024, A.D.

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