

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

RESOLUTION 2023 –

WHEREAS, substance abuse is a major societal problem throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Drug Court Professionals has proclaimed May as National **DRUG COURT MONTH**; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Court movement in the United States has grown to over 2000 programs since its inception in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County Drug Courts, from inception on October 1, 2001, have provided services and made substance abuse treatment available to two hundred eight-nine (289) adult citizens of Hernando County; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts provide the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal justice treatment, education, and other community partners in the fight against drugs and criminality; and

WHEREAS, Drug Court programs combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment, drug testing along with escalating sanctions and incentives to break the cycle of drug addiction and its associated crimes.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims May 2023 as **DRUG COURT MONTH** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners urges all its 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 9th day of May 2023, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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