



**PROCLAMATION
MAY 2012 – DRUG COURT MONTH**

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 Sumter County Drug Court, from its inception on October 16th, 2007, has graduated over twenty (20) clients, and made substance abuse treatment available to clients of Sumter County; and

WHEREAS, Drug Court provides that 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 and escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle of drug addiction and its associated crimes; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIMS:

The month of May 2012, as:

“DRUG COURT MONTH”

And encourages all Sumter County Residents 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.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 24th Day of April 2012, in Sumter County, Florida.

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
SUMTER COUNTY**

Connie Webb
Deputy Clerk

Garry Breedon
Chairman