



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **DRUG COURT MONTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals proclaimed May as National Drug Court Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sumter County Drug Court, from its inception on October 16th, 2007, graduated over seventy-three (73) clients, and made substance abuse treatment available to clients of Sumter County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sumter County Drug Court provides focus and leadership for criminal justice treatment, education, and other community partners in the fight against drugs and criminality; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Drug Court movement in the United States now has over 3,000 programs since its inception in 1989;

**NOW AND THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida that the month of May, is hereby designated as

### **“DRUG COURT MONTH”**

in Sumter County, Florida, and the Board urges all citizens to recognize the practitioners and participants of the Sumter County Drug Court and their significant contributions to reducing drug use and its associated crime.

**DONE AND PROCLAIMED** this 12th day of May 2020.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**Caroline AlRestimawi,**  
Deputy Clerk

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**Steve Printz, Chairman**