



## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Sumter County Drug Court, from its inception on October 16th, 2007, graduated over ninety (90) clients, and made substance abuse treatment available to clients of Sumter County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drug Court provides 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 crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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 3,000 programs since its inception in 1989.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida hereby proclaims:

**The Month of May 2023, as:**

### NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH

**The Board urges citizens to recognize the practitioners and participants who make the Drug Court work and the significant contributions that Drug Courts have made and continue to make in reducing drug use and crime.**

**DONE AND PROCLAIMED** this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of May 2023, Sumter County, Florida.

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMTER COUNTY**

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**Deputy Clerk**

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**Craig A. Estep  
Chairman**