

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are a proven budget solution that benefit all facets of society; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are an essential component of our justice system which save vast criminal justice resources and keep individuals out of jail and engaged with their communities as productive, taxpaying citizens; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are the most effective tool in the criminal justice system for saving money, cutting crime and serving citizens; and

WHEREAS, results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four meta-analytic studies have yielded definitive evidence that Drug Courts significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Court movement has grown from 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to over 2,700 operational Drug Courts; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we all rise...and it's time to put a Drug Court within reach of every eligible person in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2013, as

NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens to recognize the significant contributions Drug Courts have made toward reducing substance abuse, crime, and recidivism while saving valuable resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor