

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE**  
**MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RECOGNIZING MAY 2016, AS**  
**NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH**  
**IN MENDOCINO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, drug courts provide the focus and leadership for community-wide drug prevention systems, bringing together criminal justice, treatment, child welfare, education, tribal and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse, child abuse, and criminality; and

WHEREAS, drug court programs combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment, drug testing, escalating sanctions, and incentives to break the cycle of drug addiction that cause tremendous negative effects within our local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Adult Drug Court (ADC) became operational August 2, 1999, and has served 562 individuals since its inception, while the Mendocino County Family Dependency Drug Court became operational January 8, 2008, and has served 222 adults, 351 children and 196 families since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Adult Drug Court Program has a graduation rate of 46%, or 257 graduates, and reduced prison stays by 133,140 prison days since 2004. Further, the Mendocino County Family Dependency Drug Court has a graduation rate of 51%, or 114 graduates; and

WHEREAS, through their hard work and commitment, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and other involved personnel in Mendocino County dedicated to this initiative have had a profound and positive impact on the lives of the individual participants, their families, and the general community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims May 2016, as:

**“NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY”**

Dated: May 17, 2016

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Dan Gjerde, Chair