

# PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## RECOGNIZING MAY 2012 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 causes criminal behavior and has negative impacts on individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Adult Drug Court became operational August 2, 1999, and the Mendocino County Family Dependency Drug Court became operational January 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, through their hard work and commitment, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement corrections and probation personnel, child welfare professionals, researchers and educators, national leaders, community leaders, tribal leaders, and others 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, 2012, as:

“NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY”

Dated: April 23, 2012

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John McCowen, Chair