
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 313 Session of
2015

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YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 5, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2015 as "National Drug Court Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 26th anniversary of the nation's
4 first drug court; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the past 26 years drug courts have served over
6 1.4 million individuals; and

7 WHEREAS, Drug courts are now recognized as the most
8 successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's
9 history; and

10 WHEREAS, Drug courts can save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested
11 and can produce cost savings up to \$13,000 for every individual
12 they serve; and

13 WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of individuals who participate
14 in drug court will never see another pair of handcuffs; and

15 WHEREAS, Drug courts significantly improve substance abuse

1 treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime
2 and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and

3 WHEREAS, Drug courts facilitate communitywide partnerships,
4 bringing together public safety and public health professionals
5 in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

6 WHEREAS, There are now 2,840 drug courts nationwide; and

7 WHEREAS, Drug courts are the cornerstone of criminal justice
8 reform; and

9 WHEREAS, The extraordinary expansion of drug courts and the
10 principles and practices utilized over the last 26 years has
11 resulted in a decline in prison populations after decades of
12 escalation; and

13 WHEREAS, Drug courts demonstrate that when one person rises
14 out of drugs and crime, we all rise; and

15 WHEREAS, The time has come to put a drug court within reach
16 of every eligible person in need; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 month of May 2015 as "National Drug Court Month" in Pennsylvania
19 and further recognize the significant contributions drug courts
20 have made toward reducing substance abuse, crime and recidivism
21 while saving valuable resources.