

PROCLAMATION

National Drug Court Month May 2021

WHEREAS, drug courts continue to provide the focus and leadership for effective collaboration, treatment and education with other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, drug court programs combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and drug testing and mental health assistance, community support and incentives in order to break the cycle of drug addiction and its relationship to crime; and

WHEREAS, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders and other dedicated to the movement have a profound impact through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, for the past 23 years, the Gallatin County Treatment Court has demonstrated the ability to hold defendants accountable while addressing the underlying needs and providing an opportunity for the defendants to demonstrate acceptance of responsibility, honesty, integrity, sobriety and service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, as Gallatin County Commissioners, declare that a "National Drug Court Month" be established during the Month of May 2021, recognizing the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime.

DATED THIS 27th Day of April, 2021.

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION

Scott MacFarlane, Chairperson

Joe P. Skinner, Member

Zach Brown, Member

ATTEST:

Eric Semerad, Clerk and Recorder