



Supreme Court of Minnesota

PROCLAMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are an effective tool for reducing substance abuse and crime in our criminal justice system; and

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

WHEREAS, Nationally, 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 strategy; and

WHEREAS, for the past 14 years Minnesota Drug Courts have been restoring lives, reuniting families, and making communities safer; and

WHEREAS, countless judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance abuse and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and community supervision personnel, researchers and educators, state and community leaders, and others dedicated to Drug Courts and similar types of treatment programs are healing families and communities across Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Court Initiative in Minnesota has grown from two Drug Courts in January 2002, to 37 Drug and Mental Health Courts in 2010.

WHEREAS, Thursday, May 20, 2010, marks National Drug Court Commencement Day, which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and their families.

THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Magnuson, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-21, 2010, be designated as Drug Court Week, recognizing the practitioners and participants who make Drug Courts work, and the significant contributions Drug Courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing substance abuse and crime.

Dated: May 10, 2010

BY THE COURT:


Eric J. Magnuson
Chief Justice