

~PROCLAMATION~

- Whereas,** Clark County Therapeutic Specialty Courts have been in existence for 17 years and have celebrated 1,096 graduates; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested; and
- Whereas,** From 2010 through 2015 alone, Clark County Felony Drug Court saved 114,402 jail bed days, amounting to a taxpayer cost savings of more than \$9.4 million; and
- Whereas,** Clark County specialty courts now include Substance Abuse Court, Mental Health Court, Felony Drug Court, Veterans Court, Family Treatment Court and Juvenile Recovery Court; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts are recognized as one of the most successful criminal justice interventions in our nation's history and substantially improve treatment outcomes; and
- Whereas,** 82 percent of Clark County's 560 Drug Court alumni have not been convicted of another felony, compared with the statewide jail recidivism rate of 65 percent; and
- Whereas,** more than 3,000 drug courts operate nationwide and 83 operate in Washington, helping families reunite and stay healthy, veterans transition home, and assistance reach underserved, vulnerable populations; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts demonstrate that when one person rises above drugs and crime, we all benefit.

Now therefore, this Board of County Councilors hereby proclaims the month of May 2017 as

~Drug Court Month~


in Clark County, Washington, and recognizes the significant contributions drug courts make to reducing substance abuse, crime and recidivism while saving valuable community resources.

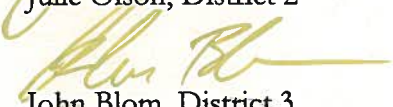
Signed this 16th day of May 2017

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