State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DRUG COURT MONTH
MAY 2014

WHEREAS, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the nation's Drug Courts; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are an essential component of our justice system, saving vast criminal justice resources and keeping individuals out of jail and engaged with their communities as productive, tax-paying citizens; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are an effective tool in the criminal justice system for saving money and cutting crime; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts significantly improve substance abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reducing drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize 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.

WHEREAS, Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2014, **DRUG COURT MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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