

State of South Carolina Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, drug courts provide the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal justice, treatment, education, and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, by combining intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and drug testing, and escalating sanctions and incentives, drug courts throughout South Carolina and the nation have proven effective in breaking the cycle of drug addiction and its concomitant crime; and

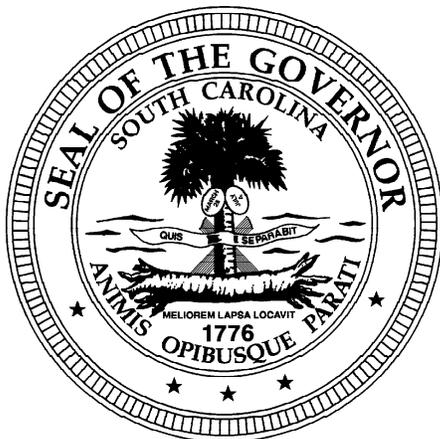
WHEREAS, by treating the problem of addiction through intense counseling, group therapy, weekly drug testing, and community service rather than through costly incarceration, drug courts reduce crime, save money, and build stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 observance of "National Drug Court Month" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout the Palmetto State and across the nation to increase public awareness of drug courts and their effectiveness in the fight against substance abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2001, as

DRUG COURT MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of drug courts on reducing drug use and crime in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Hodges".

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina