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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:

April 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Proclaim May 2012 as National Drug Court Month in Riverside County
ALL DISTRICTS

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Proclaim May 2012 as National Drug Court Month in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: On May 10, 2011, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the Form 11 to proclaim May 2011 as National Drug Court Month for Riverside County. Since the establishment of the first Riverside County Drug Court in 1995, the County has offered the Drug Court and Aftercare programs as an alternative to incarceration for qualified drug abuse offenders. The Riverside County Drug Courts enable communities to offer a successful and cost efficient program that helps non-violent drug offenders commit to a rigorous drug treatment program in lieu of prison. Since 1995, the Drug Courts have demonstrated excellent success in the recovery of their clients. **(Continued on Page 2)**

Departmental Concurrence

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Jerry Wengerd
Jerry Wengerd, Director
Department of Mental Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2011/12

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY: *Debra Courmoyer*
Debra Courmoyer

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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BACKGROUND: (continued)

In Riverside County, the Drug Court sites are located in Cathedral City, Blythe, Hemet and Riverside. Like many of the more than 2,424 drug courts in operation nationally, the Drug Courts in Riverside County hear cases of offenders that are charged with drug-related crimes. The Drug Court relieves the already overwhelmed Court dockets, placing offenders in an environment where they undergo treatment and counseling; submit to frequent and random drug testing; make regular appearances before the Judge; and are monitored closely for program compliance.

The National Drug Court campaign is designed to promote the values of healthy drug-free living. Drug Court Month provides Riverside County and the nation with a framework in which visible support is built for a drug free society. Riverside County Drug Courts have proven that drug usage by offenders is substantially reduced when they are enrolled in Drug Court and Aftercare programs. Therefore, the Riverside County Department of Mental Health requests that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors proclaim the Month of May 2012 as National Drug Court Month in Riverside County.

PROCLAMATION
In Support of Establishing
May 2012 as “National Drug Court Month”

WHEREAS, The Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Riverside County Department of Mental Health recognize the important contributions of the Riverside County Drug Courts which are proven to be an excellent way to make strides in winning the war against drugs; and

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 criminality; and

WHEREAS, Drug Court and Aftercare programs combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and drug testing and escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle of drug addiction and its associated 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 others dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Court movement has grown nationally, from the 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to more than 2,424 Drug Courts that are in operation or in the planning stages; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County declares that a National Drug Court Month be established during the Month of May, 2012, 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.