

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES
MAY 2014 AS
NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** Over the past twenty-five years, Drug Courts have served over 1.4 million individuals and are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's history. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the nation's first Drug Court; and
- WHEREAS:** Drug Courts save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and produce up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve. 75% of Drug Court graduates will never see another pair of handcuffs; and
- WHEREAS:** Drug Courts are recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's history with 2,840 Drug Courts nationwide; and
- WHEREAS:** Drug Courts significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes and substantially reduce drug abuse and crime. Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships that bring together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Adult Felony Drug Court has admitted 99 participants and graduated 25 since its implementation. The Clayton County DUI Court has admitted 537 participants and graduated 172 since its implementation; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Adult Felony Drug Court participants have a maximum total of 1,154 days clean and sober. The Clayton County DUI Court participants have contributed an average of 6,757 community service hours. These individuals are active in the community, pursuing sobriety, maintain working jobs, and are not committing new criminal offenses or serving as county inmates; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Adult Felony Drug Court has seen 100% of participants employed at graduation. The Clayton County DUI Court has seen 92% of participants employed at graduation; and
- WHEREAS:** Extraordinary expenses of Drug Courts and the principles practiced 25 years ago have helped cause 40 years of escalating prison populations to decline; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Adult Felony Drug Court has had recidivism of 4% and the Clayton County DUI Court has had recidivism of 2%; and
- WHEREAS:** Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE. The time has come to put a Drug Court within reach of every eligible person in need; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the Month of May 2014 as "**Drug Court Month**" in Clayton County, Georgia. I urge all citizens to recognize the significant contributions Drug Courts have made over the past 25 years towards reducing substance abuse, crime, and recidivism.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 6th day of May in the year two thousand fourteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman