

PROCLAIMING MAY 2021 AS DRUG COURT MONTH

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, this year marks the 17th anniversary of Lewis County's Drug Court program (and the 32nd anniversary of treatment courts nationwide); and

WHEREAS, more than 190 local residents have graduated from Lewis County Drug Court since 2005; and

WHEREAS, 85 percent of Lewis County's Drug Court graduates are not convicted of new crimes after completing the program; and

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,000-plus drug courts have served more than 1.5 million individuals and save up to \$27 for each dollar invested, producing an average savings of roughly \$6,000 per individual served; and

WHEREAS, drug courts are recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in U.S. history, reducing crime and significantly improving the outcomes of substance-abuse treatment at far less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, drug courts help promote education, increase employment, boost housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce the number of foster home placements, and improve statistics related to addicted expectant mothers; and

WHEREAS, drug courts facilitate communitywide partnerships, bringing public safety and public health professionals together in the fight against addiction and crime; and

WHEREAS, drug courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of addiction and crime, we all rise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) hereby proclaims May 2021 as Drug Court Month in Lewis County.

Done in open session this 4th day of May 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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