

DRUG AND DUI COURT MONTH

WHEREAS: Drug and DUI courts combine judicial accountability and evidence-based treatment to effectively intervene against substance abuse and related crime; and

WHEREAS: Results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least three experimental studies have yielded definitive evidence that drug and DUI Courts increase treatment retention and reduce substance abuse and crime among drug-involved adult offenders; and

WHEREAS: The Judicial Council of Georgia has appointed a Standing Committee on Drug Courts to encourage and support the implementation of drug courts in all 49 judicial circuits.

WHEREAS: There are many Georgians dedicated to the success of Drug courts who have had a profound impact within their communities; and

WHEREAS: Georgia Drug and DUI courts have grown from one original court in 1994 to over 40 courts, with several more in the planning stages. The national drug court movement has grown from 12 drug courts in 1994 to 1,753 operational drug courts as of December 2005; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006 as Drug and DUI Court Month in Georgia, and recognize the significant contributions that drug and DUI courts have made and continue to make in reducing drug usage and crime in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand six.