

# State of Florida

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, substance use and mental disorders are taking an enormous toll on the lives of millions across the state and nation, and the occurrence of drug overdoses and overdose deaths from opioid and stimulant use and misuse represent an urgent public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, problem-solving courts promote confidence in and satisfaction with the justice system process, save the State of Florida taxpayer dollars, and are recognized as the most successful justice system intervention for individuals with substance use and mental disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, judges, court personnel, attorneys, treatment professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, educators, national and community leaders, and others working to support problem-solving courts and to reduce substance use and mental disorders have a profound impact through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for collaboration and continued development of partnerships between the justice system and other stakeholders is vital; and

**WHEREAS**, the first drug court established in Miami, Florida, in 1989, has served as a model for the 183 problem-solving courts currently operating in Florida and the more than 4,000 problem-solving courts currently operating throughout the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

### **Problem-Solving Court Month and Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorder Awareness Month**

and shall be known within the State Courts System as a month of recognition of the contributions of problem-solving courts in meeting the challenges of substance use and mental disorders throughout the state and nation and as a month of awareness, training, and action regarding opioids, stimulants, and related substance use treatment and recovery.

**WHEREFORE**, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024.



  
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