

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring May 2014 as “National Drug Court Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, the Alachua County W. O. Beauchamp Drug Court Program was one of the first established drug court programs in the country; and

Whereas, the Alachua County W. O. Beauchamp Drug Court Program has served as a model program for numerous state and national drug courts; and

Whereas, more than 750 individuals have reestablished positive and healthy relationships with their family and community by successfully completing the Alachua County W. O. Beauchamp Drug Court Program; and

Whereas, drug courts exhibit a 25-year history as the most effective tool in the criminal justice system to save money and reduce drug-related crime; 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 crime; and

Whereas, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, court administration, law enforcement personnel, clerks of the court, corrections personnel, treatment providers, drug court staff, and many other dedicated individuals have had a positive influence through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

Whereas, Alachua County encourages all citizens to recognize 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 use and crime.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim May 2014 as “National Drug Court Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 22nd day of April, A.D., 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Lee Pinkoson, Chair

ATTEST:

J. K. Irby, Clerk