

May 2010

# National Drug and Problem-Solving Court Month

**Scott Carlson, Statewide Coordinator for Drug and Problem-Solving Courts, Receives Governor's Proclamation Designating May 2010 as National Drug Court Month in Nebraska.**

I would like to thank the Governor and the State of Nebraska for taking the time to recognize Drug Court Month. Drug courts represent the combined efforts of justice and treatment professionals to actively intervene and break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction, crime, delinquency, and child maltreatment. These special dockets are given the responsibility to handle cases involving addicted citizens under the adult, juvenile, and family systems.

I would like to take a moment to thank the good folks here with me today demonstrating their ongoing support for problem-solving courts. Patty Lyons, who coordinates our adult drug court in Dodge County is one of the many dedicated professionals that represent 25 problem-solving courts in Nebraska, stretching from Omaha to Gering, and Beatrice to Norfolk. Annually we serve over 1200 offenders with substance abuse and other issues who would otherwise be clogging our correctional facilities, and are doing so at a cost of about 15% of what it would take to incarcerate them.

I would also like to give special thanks to my friends and colleagues from the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation demonstrating their support here today; as well as to Simera Reynolds of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers; and Linda Krutz and her staff of the Community Corrections Council for their continued support.

**Following the reading of the Drug Court Month proclamation, the Governor thanked Scott Carlson and drug court coordinators for their important work.**



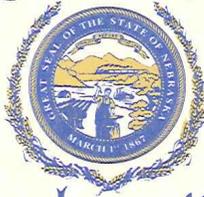
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Carlson makes remarks during Drug Court Month proclamation ceremony with Governor.

Scott Carlson and Patty Lyons, Adult Drug Court Coordinator for Dodge County.

Sheryl Connolly (right) Trial Court Services Director, Linda Krutz (center left) Executive Director of the Community Corrections Council and staff: Tia Bachman (front), Jeff Beatty (far left), Mike Dunkle (back), and Scott Carlson (center right) following ceremony.

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *Drug courts combine judicial accountability and research-driven practices to effectively intervene against substance abuse and related crime; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation professionals, community supervision staff, law enforcement and probation personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders and others dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact within their communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Nebraska's drug court has grown from one original drug court established 13 years ago in Omaha, to 26 operational drug and problem-solving courts across the state serving individuals in 11 of the 12 Judicial Districts; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The month of May 2010, marks "National Drug Court Month" which celebrates the promise of recovery and the restoration of hope to drug court graduates and their families.*
- NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of May, 2010, as*

### DRUG COURT MONTH

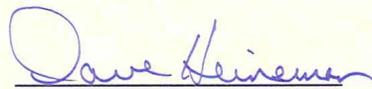
*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to recognize the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime .*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.*



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