



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 46

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1 **Relating to:** declaring May 2009 as Drug Court Month.

2 Whereas, 2009 marks the twentieth anniversary of the Miami-Dade Drug
3 Court, the first drug court in the nation, which sparked a national revolution
4 that changed the face of the American justice system; and

5 Whereas, for the past 20 years drug courts have been restoring lives, reuniting
6 families, and making communities across this nation safer; and

7 Whereas, drug courts provide focus and leadership for community-wide
8 partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the
9 fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

10 Whereas, 60 to 80 percent of drug offenders sentenced to prison and over 40
11 percent sentenced to probation recidivate, whereas less than 17 percent of drug court
12 graduates recidivate; and

13 Whereas, results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four
14 metaanalytic studies have yielded definitive evidence that drug courts are
15 demonstratively effective and significantly improve substance-abuse treatment

