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### ***Drug Court Month***

I am pleased to join the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs in recognizing Drug Court Month in California.

Drug courts integrate criminal justice, treatment services, educational opportunities and community partnerships in a collaborative effort to tackle drug and alcohol dependence. Drug courts seek to break the devastating cycle of addiction through judicial supervision, substance abuse treatment, and sanctions and incentives.

I applaud our state's 150 drug courts that provide communities with opportunities to substantially reduce drug abuse and drug-related crimes. Our judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment experts and other dedicated professionals who compose the drug courts have made a profound impact on many lives.

On behalf of all Californians, I offer my gratitude and best wishes for every continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

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