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## **SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURT MONTH**

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**—In celebration of National Drug Court Month, the Superior Court of San Bernardino County will host its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Collaborative Justice Court Month celebration on Friday, May 18, 2018, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino Justice Center, Jury Room, located at 247 W. Third Street, San Bernardino.

Collaborative justice courts, also known as problem-solving courts, promote accountability by combining judicial supervision with rigorously monitored rehabilitation services and treatment in lieu of detention. In San Bernardino County, the Superior Court is one part of the team which includes representatives from community-based providers, the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Probation Department, Sheriff's Department and Department of Behavior Health. This multidisciplinary, non-adversarial team approach provides participants with a system of support through a range of incentives and sanctions aimed at promoting and targeting long-term, sustainable, positive change.

National Drug Court Month is coordinated by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. California currently has more than 420 collaborative justice courts, with San Bernardino having four court types: Drug-Adult, Drug-Juvenile Delinquency, Mental Health-Adult, and Veterans Treatment Court.

The celebration will begin with opening remarks from Presiding Judge John P. Vander Feer, followed by a presentation made by Commissioner Ronald J. Gilbert to honor participants from the County Probation Department, District Attorney and Public Defender offices. Community partners and the public are encouraged to attend and hear about effective strategies aimed at reducing recidivism and the personal success stories of past participants.

For any additional questions, please contact the Court Executive Office at 909-708-8747.

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