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ANCHORAGE THERAPEUTIC COURTS HOST ANNUAL GRADUATION Event Also Commemorates “National Drug Court Month” and 25th Anniversary of Drug Courts

Anchorage, Alaska, May 1, 2014—Forty men and women in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction will be honored for completing intensive Therapeutic Court programs at a commencement ceremony on **Friday, May 2, 2014, at 3:00 PM** in the Alaska Supreme Court Courtroom of the Anchorage Boney Courthouse, 303 K Street, 5th floor. Alaska Supreme Court Justice Joel Bolger will preside over the ceremony, which will include graduates of the Anchorage Wellness Felony Drug and DUI Courts, the Anchorage Municipal Wellness Court, and the Anchorage Family Care Court and Family Preservation Court. The graduates have completed many months of court-supervised comprehensive drug and alcohol treatment, have made progress towards their educational and employment goals, and have satisfied other rigorous requirements to help ensure their continued sobriety and successful reintegration into the community.

The graduation ceremony is held in conjunction with National Drug Court Month, the theme of which this year is “*Celebrating 25 years of Drug Courts.*” Hundreds of Alaskans have graduated successfully from therapeutic court programs since their inception in Alaska over a decade ago. Many continue to support the courts long after graduation, through groups such as the Anchorage Therapeutic Courts Alumni Group, which will present this years’ Outstanding Alumni Award at the ceremony. The public is invited to attend. A reception hosted by Partners for Progress will immediately follow the ceremony in the first floor of the Snowden Administrative Building – 820 West 4th Avenue.

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